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Donald Shaw

HAMILTON — Donald F. Shaw, 71, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1973 after 20 years as a Fort Wayne police officer and retired in 1989 after 11 years as a security guard at Slater Steel. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He lived in Hamilton and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

He was a past chef de gare of 40 & 8 Voiture 37. He was a charter member and past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1421. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police Wayne Lodge 14, American Legion Post 241 of Waynedale, and B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2398 in Angola.

Mr. Shaw was born Aug. 17, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving him are his wife, Julia M. of Hamilton; one son, William M. of Albuquerque, N.M.; five daughters, Nancy C. Jarrett and Kristine K. Bishop, both of Auburn, Marcia L. Fagen of Phoenix, Ariz., Pamela J. Wrightsman of Harrington, Del., and Penny J. Gorden of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Bette L. Boxberger of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Robert P. Shaw preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Van Buren and Ninth streets, Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will take place in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Parkview Oncology Unit, Fourth Floor East.

Agnes Honaker

ANGOLA — Agnes F. Honaker, 56, of Angola, died Wednesday at her residence.

Mrs. Honaker worked as a machine operator for Bundy Tubing in Ashley.

She was born Nov. 7, 1942, in Paris, Ky., to Fred and Mable (Berryman) Hall.

Surviving are her husband, Paul Honaker, at home; her mother, Mable Durham of Orland; two daughters, Brenda Davis of Angola, and Debra Davis of High Point, N.C.; two sons, Rusty Davis and Tim Davis, both of Angola; four stepsons, Alan Honaker and Danny Honaker, both of Angola, Bernie Honaker of Toledo, Ohio, and Gary Honaker of West Palm Beach, Fla.; three brothers, Mickey Myers of Orland, and Billy Hall and Ricky Myers, both of Lexington, Ky.; a sister, Francis Pepple of Auburn; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. today in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Rod Buzzard officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Mary Jane Ackerman

LAGRANGE — Mary Jane Ackerman, 72, died Thursday in Vencor Hospital in LaGrange.

She was retired as a real estate agent from Howe LaGrange Agency in LaGrange. She was a member of the Northeast Indiana Board of Realtors and the Indiana Realtors Association.

Mrs. Ackerman was born April 10, 1926, in Noble County to Fred G. and Marie (Pant) Pratt.

She married Robert L. Ackerman Sr. in Brimfield on Dec. 26, 1942, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sherian K. Barfell, of Sturgis, Mich.; one son, Robert L. Ackerman of Elkhart; two sisters, Annalee Hantz of Angola and Bette Lou Smith of Sarasota, Fla.; and one brother, Jerry Pratt of Marshfield, Mo.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-6 in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorial contributions may be given to LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

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Maynard Feller

HOWE — Maynard L. "Pete" Feller, 81, of Howe, died Friday at 11:30 a.m. in his residence near Howe.

Mr. Feller was a retired farmer and a lifetime resident of the Mongo community, and was a member of the Mongo Lions Club.

He was born Aug. 15, 1917, to Frank and Minnie (Penix) Feller. He married Dortha (Schrook) Feller in LaGrange County on Sept. 12, 1942. She died Aug. 30, 1972.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Roland (Alice) Lower of Wolcottville; one son, Duane E. Feller of LaGrange; his companion, Florence Notestine of LaGrange; one sister, Charlotte Dowell of Angola; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home Tuesday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mongo Methodist Church or the Mongo Lions Club.

Lorene Hochstetler

MIDDLEBURY — Lorene Kay Hochstetler, 18, of Middlebury, died Friday at 2:40 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been hospitalized as a result of injuries she received in an auto accident near Topeka.

She was born in Milford on Dec. 30, 1980, to Jake and Inez Hochstetler, who survive in Middlebury. She moved to Middlebury in 1986 and was employed as a craftmaker and artist for Bernina Sewing Center in Shipshewana. She attended Woodlawn Christian School in Goshen and was a member of Fairhaven A.M. Church, where she was active in the youth group.

She is survived by four sisters, Rose Hochstetler of Leesburg, Norma (Henry) Yoder, of Kiev, Ukraine, Carolyn (Dale) Hochstetler of Wolcottville, and Donna Hochstetler of Middlebury; two brothers, Daniel Hochstetler and Carl Hochstetler, both of Middlebury; and her grandmother, Fannie Hochstetler of Etna Green.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 on Saturday and Sunday at Woodlawn A.M. Church in Goshen.

Funeral services will be in the church Monday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Dan. B. Miller and the Rev. Elmer Miller officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Miller Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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William Storey

AUBURN — William A. Storey, 89, died Saturday at 8:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Storey lived on County Road 35, Auburn. He worked for the Auburn-Kendallville-Spencerville region of Indiana Bell Telephone Co. as commercial manager for 25 years, retiring in 1969. His service with the telephone company spanned 43 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and Telephone Pioneers of America. He was a former member of the DeKalb Masonic Lodge, the Kendallville Elks Lodge and the Auburn Rotary Club.

He was born May 4, 1909, in Indianapolis to Frank P. Storey and Hazel Belle Osbon Storey.

On Aug. 19, 1944, he marred Freda V. Petit in Indianapolis. She died Oct. 21, 1986.

He is survived by a daughter, Johanna Keller of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Rosemary Johnson of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Donna Graybill, and his brother, Alvin.

Graveside services will take place in the Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis at 1 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. Rod Buzzard officiating.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Hospice, the Auburn Presbyterian Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Donald Shaw

HAMILTON — Funeral services for Donald F. Shaw, 71, will be conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Van Buren and Ninth streets, Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Calling and services both were set back by one day due to the weekend's blizzard.

Mr. Shaw died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He retired in 1973 after 20 years as a Fort Wayne police officer and retired in 1989 after 11 years as a security guard at Slater Steel. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He lived in Hamilton and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

He was a past chef de gare of 40 & 8 Voiture 37. He was a charter member and past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1421. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police Wayne Lodge 14, American Legion Post 241 of Waynedale, and B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2398 in Angola.

He was born Aug. 17, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving him are his wife, Julia M. of Hamilton; one son, William M. of Albuquerque, N.M.; five daughters, Nancy C. Jarrett and Kristine K. Bishop, both of Auburn, Marcia L. Fagen of Phoenix, Ariz., Pamela J. Wrightsman of Harrington, Del., and Penny J. Gorden of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Bette L. Boxberger of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Robert P. Shaw preceded him in death.

Burial will take place in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Parkview Oncology Unit, Fourth Floor East.

Victor Eicher

CANAAN, Ind. — Victor E. Eicher, 36, of Canaan, died Thursday at 8:20 p.m. when the buggy he was riding in was struck from behind by a truck.

Mr. Eicher was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and had attended the Old Order Amish School. He was a farmer and the operator of Woodmizer Saw Mill near Pleasant. He had resided near Pleasant since 1990, moving from Branch County, Mich.

He was born Jan. 14, 1962, in Pike County, Mich., to Jacob W.C. and Saloma (Yoder) Eicher. They survive in Branch County, Mich.

He married Lovina (Schwartz) Eicher on Nov. 19, 1981. She survives in Canaan.

Also surviving are four sons, Jacob, Samuel, Victor and Christie, all at home; six daughters, Salome, Katherine, Lovina, Salina, Emma and Maggie, all at home; seven brothers, Jake of Seymour, Mo., and William, Christ, Simon, Jerry, Daniel and Henry, all of Branch County; seven sisters, Lovina Schwartz and Saloma Schwartz, both of Seymour, Mo., Miriam Girod of Pleasant, and Katie Schwartz, Maggie Graber, Lizzie Schwartz and Rebecca Eicher, all of Branch County; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and his grandparents. Several relatives survive in the Fremont area.

Funeral services were conducted today at the Eicher residence with Bishop Jerry Wickey officiating. Burial was in the Old Order Amish Cemetery in Pleasant.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Ind., was in charge of arrangements.

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Vernon Isenbarger

BUTLER — Vernon G. Isenbarger, 84, of Butler, died Saturday at 2 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mr. Isenbarger was a retired farmer and a member of the Newville United Methodist Church and DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born April 23, 1914, in Andover, Ohio, to Jesse D. and Emma Jane (Whitacre) Isenbarger.

He is survived by a brother, Lloyd Isenbarger of Butler, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters, Lillian Ross, Velma Cook and Mary Schuchart.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Edward Cole

CARROLLTON, Ga. — Edward S. Cole, 84, of Carrollton, Ga., died Saturday at Tanner Medical Center.

Mr. Cole was a retired sales representative for Cooper Tire Co., and was a member of Christ Fellowship and Community Church.

He was born in Findlay, Ohio, on Sept. 16, 1914, to the late Irvin H. and Edna (Schwartz) Cole.

Mr. Cole is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Carrollton; a son, Toby Cole of Bremen; two sisters, Cathy Merriman of Albion and Tracey Head of Carrollton; one brother, Irvin Cole of Florida; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel, 120 W. Center St., Carrollton, Ga., with Pastor Marc Limbaugh and Rev. Roy Garrett officiating. Organ music will be provided by Patty Pritchard.

Friends may call Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Glenn Beck

ANGOLA — Glenn C. Beck, 84, of Angola, died Friday, New Year's Day, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mr. Beck was the owner of Munson-Beck Body Shop for five years and also the owner of McCool's Tavern in Angola from 1957-61. He worked for Folck's Body Shop, retiring in 1978.

He was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge 236 and a charter member of the Angola Elks Lodge.

He was born Aug. 20, 1914, in Eaton County, Mich., to Emerson and Leona (Aldrich) Beck.

He married M. Marcella Ernst in 1934 and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Fred of Angola; a daughter, Nancy Henry of Olivet, Mich.; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Edra Klont.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Pastor Darold Beck will officiate at private family services.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Disease of Steuben County or the Diabetes Association.

LaMoyne Saul

ANGOLA — LaMoyne D. Saul, 78, of Angola, died Friday at the Veterans Association Northern Indiana Health Care Center.

Mr. Saul was a security guard at Tri-State University. He worked as a butcher at the Madel Market in Angola and also was a bartender at the Angola post of the American Legion. He was an avid bowler and loved golfing. A World War II veteran, he was a member of the Fremont American Legion, Voiture 483, 40 & 8.

He was born Sept. 14, 1920, in Pleasant Lake to the late Pearle and Violet Dodge Saul. He also was preceded in death by two sisters.

Surviving is his wife, Jean Saul of Angola.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date at Mount Zion Cemetery. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Keith Henry

HARLAN — Keith Vernon "KV" Henry, 79, died Saturday morning at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in the loving care of his wife, family and friends.

Mr. Henry was born in Allen County and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 39 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Harlan Church of Christ and Harlan Masonic Lodge 296 F.&A.M.

He is survived by his wife, Ione; a daughter, Rosemary Jo; two sons, Lynn and Denny; two sisters, Claudia and Phyllis; two brothers, Bob and Ken; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no calling or services.

Memorial donations may be made to the Harlan Elementary School art program or a charity of the donor's choice.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Edwin O. Grotrian**, 92, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Goshen.

KENDALLVILLE — **Harriet E. Stienbarger**, 77, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, with calling there 2-9 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Granvil Hoover**, 52, died Friday. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

CHURUBUSCO — **Dr. Arthur V. Gilliom**, 80, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Anderson.

CHURUBUSCO — **Gertrude M. Waterson**, 92, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Addie Farrington

BUTLER — Addie L. (Opdycke) Farrington, 91, died Monday at 7 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Farrington was a seamstress and formerly lived on North High Street in Butler.

She was born Nov. 1, 1907, in DeKalb County to the late Henry and Eva (Myers) Opdycke.

She married Harold Girardot in 1928 and he died in 1965. She then married Benjamin Farrington in 1971 and he died in 1986.

Surviving her are one son, Donald E. Girardot of Butler; one daughter, Paula Jean Slentz-McGrath of Waterloo; one brother, Don Opdycke of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Vivian Koon of Kendallville; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, one sister and one great-granddaughter preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will begin Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will take place in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or the Christian Assembly of God in Butler.

Ronald Rothenberger

FRANKFORT — Ronald "Ron" Rothenberger, 33, of Frankfort, died Saturday at 1:05 a.m. in Clinton House.

Mr. Rothenberger lived most of his life in Frankfort. He had been a union brick mason for 14 years and worked in the Auburn area.

He was a member of Union Local 4 and the Living Word Church. He graduated from Frankfort Senior High School in 1983 and served in the National Guard from 1984-1990.

He was born July 7, 1965, in Frankfort.

He married Melinda Bradley on June 13, 1991. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Ron Rothenberger and Joanne Rothenberger of Milledgeville, Ga.; his mother and stepfather, Virginia (Hall) Grosswiler and Tom Grosswiler of rural Frankfort; two sons, Jeremy Rothenberger of Terre Haute and Matt Rothenberger of Frankfort; a daughter, Crystal Shadday of Frankfort; one grandchild; a sister, Deneise Rayl of Florida; a brother, Mark Rothenberger of Shelbyville; and a paternal grandmother, Lucille Rothenberger of Frankfort.

One brother preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Frye & Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home, with pastor Tennyson Fitch officiating. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery.

Jeanne C. Stewart,

AUBURN — Jeanne C. Stewart, 49, of Auburn, died Saturday at 4:04 p.m. in her home. She had been a resident of Auburn since August 1997, when she moved from El Campo, Texas.

Mrs. Stewart had been a registered nurse and supervisor at a public health clinic in Wharton, Texas. She was a 1967 graduate of Eastern High School in Flint, Mich., and a 1971 graduate of the University of Michigan.

She was born Aug. 10, 1949, in Highland Park, Mich., to John V. and Pattie J. (Dotson) Stroud. They survive in Swartz Creek, Mich.

She married Larry A. Stewart on Aug. 16, 1969, in Flint, Mich. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott A. of Fort Wayne and Paul J. of Houston, and one sister, Joanne McNeal of Bakersfield, Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn with the Rev. Steve Wagner officiating. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Ethel Nodine

HUDSON — Ethel A. Nodine, 86, of Hudson, died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nodine was retired as an assembly worker for Dana-Weatherhead. She also once worked as a cook at Mayfair Restaurant.

She was born Aug. 8, 1912, in Steuben County to the late William and Edna Avery Gochenaur.

She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Harold Smith, on Dec. 9, 1946; her second husband, Lester Nodine on Aug. 14, 1980; and a brother, Leon Gochenaur in 1969.

Surviving are a son, Harold Smith of Hudson; three daughters, Phyllis Davenport of Pleasant Lake, Gail Allshouse of Englewood, Colo., and Lynn Sheets of Bixby, Okla.; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Burial will take place in the Flint Cemetery of Steuben County. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home.

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Maurice H. Curry

AUBURN — Maurice H. Curry, 75, of Auburn, died Sunday at 1:52 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Curry retired in 1983 after 30 years as a shipping clerk at Dana Corp. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born in Auburn on March 29, 1923, to Charles S. and Ona A. (Triplett) Curry.

He married Doretha J. Myers on July 17, 1971 in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Donald L. of North Manchester and Dale A. of Indian River, Mich.; one daughter, Maureen R. Woodcox of Butler; two brothers, Wayne of Waterloo and Harold of Ashley; and four grandchildren.

His parents and one sister, Helen Opdycke, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Terry Noller, pastor of First Christian Church in Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Christian Church in Auburn.

Kaylynn Keck

FORT WAYNE — Kaylynn Keck, 53, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in her home.

She was born in Fort Wayne and retired in 1996 after 13 years as a certified nursing assistant in the St. Joseph Hospital Burn Unit.

Surviving are her husband, Norman; her mother, Ruth Hettinger of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Michele Mitchell of St. Joe; three sons, Phillip R. Keck, Benjamin E. Keck and Joshua D. Keck, all at home; three sisters, Mellany Mounsey of Hudson, and Judith Arney and Kathy Gunter, both of Howe; two brothers, Jerry Hettinger and Donald Hettinger, both of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Visitation is in the funeral home from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before services on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Cancer Services of Allen County or Northeast Indiana Kidney Center.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Mary Lou Anderson**, 54, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Brighton Chapel, Brighton. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

KENDALLVILLE — **Harriet E. Stienbarger**, 77, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-9 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **John R. Ramsey**, 76, died Saturday. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday in LaGrange Masonic Lodge, LaGrange, with calling from noon until services at the lodge.

LIGONIER — **Charles D. Knapp**, 79, died Monday. Memorial services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Ligonier Church of the Nazarene. Calling 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Deaths/Funerals

Walter Leffel

GARRETT — Walter Emerson Leffel, 78, died Monday at 3:06 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Leffel retired from International Harvester in 1980 with 34 years of service.

He was born Feb. 21, 1920, in Denver, Ind., to the late Albert and Elizabeth (Hoover) Leffel.

He married Ruby Jane Willams Leffel on June 21, 1947, in Columbus, Ohio. She died Feb. 3, 1997.

Surviving him are one daughter, Blinda Leffel of Garrett; and six sisters, May DeWalt of Peru, Ind., Evelyn Black of Avilla, Wilma Sanders of Metropolis, Mo., Hazel Ridyard and Ethel Lang, both of Redding, Calif., and Mirrian Schultz of South Milford.

In addition to his parents and wife, one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with calling at the church after 10 a.m. The Rev. Herbert Schumm, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Barbara Smith

COLUMBIA CITY — Barbara Kay (Pfaff) Smith, 56, died Tuesday at 6:50 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Columbia City.

Mrs. Smith was a licensed hair stylist from 1961-1972. She then served as executive director of the Boone County Mental Health Association in Lebanon, Ind., from 1988 to 1991.

A native of Logansport, she lived in Auburn from 1962 to 1974, then in Columbus, Ind., from 1974 to 1979. In 1979, she moved to Lebanon and lived there until moving to her Tri-Lakes home near Columbia City in 1991.

She graduated from Logansport High School with the class of 1960 and was a graduate of beauty school.

She was a member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church and the Whitley County Mental Health board of directors.

She was born March 9, 1942, in Logansport to Harold W. and Mary (Adair) Pfaff. They survive in Logansport.

She married Thomas W. Smith on Aug. 5, 1962, in Logansport, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tiffanee Lynn Wilson of Universal, Ind., and Heather Dawn Verhey of Romney, Ind.; one son, Michael David Smith of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Mallorie Wilson, August Verhey and Avery Verhey.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8 p.m. and Friday after 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Her funeral service will begin Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. C. Jack Scott and the Rev. Patricia Kessel, both of the Columbia City United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church memorial fund or the Whitley County Mental Health Association.

James Parrish

FREMONT — James Lee Parrish, 65, of Fremont, died Tuesday at his residence.

Mr. Parrish had owned and operated Jim's Body Shop and was retired from Angola Metal Spinners. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion.

He was born March 7, 1933, in Fremont to the late Thomas and Harriett (Jordan) Parrish.

On Nov. 7, 1952, he married Emily Cope, who survives at home.

Also surviving are four sons, Rex (and wife, Theresa) of Fremont, and Rick, Randy and Rusty, all of Angola; two sisters, June Sharrow and Lola Mae Smith (and husband, Kenny), of Fremont; four grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rod, and a brother, Robert.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery, south of Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice.

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Bertha Fry

HUDSON — Bertha M. Fry, 59, of Hudson, died at 10:33 a.m. Tuesday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kendallville on Feb. 28, 1939, to Lonnie and Vina (Hoxie) Spencer. Her husband, Robert Fry, preceded her in death in 1983.

Mrs. Fry had worked for Cambridge (Eagle Picher) in Ashley for 10 years. She was a member of the Salem Center Fire Department Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Roberta Dailey of Hudson; two sons, Lee Fry of Hudson, and Larry Fry of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two brothers, Russell Spencer of Hudson and Gilbert Spencer of Angola; and a grandson, Kelly Dailey.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tommy Dailey.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, rural Pleasant Lake.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Mabel Hemphill

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mabel Hemphill, 89, of Wolcottville, died at 3:52 a.m. today in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was the widow of John Hemphill.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Mary C. Hatch**, 83, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

LIGONIER — **Edward Badorek**, 88, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 3-7 p.m. Thursday.

LIGONIER — **Wilbert F. Rink**, 95, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Clyde Eugene "John" Ernst**, 75, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Merle Bassett

AUBURN — Merle E. Bassett, 66, died Wednesday at 3:30 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Bassett owned and operated Bassett Electric Motors Inc. in Auburn for 38 years. He was a lifelong Auburn resident and a 1952 graduate of St. Joe High School. He also was a graduate of Coyne Electrical Institute in Chicago.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, North American Fishing Club and Northeast Indiana Beekeeping Association. His hobbies were fishing and beekeeping.

He was born Jan. 20, 1932, in DeKalb County to the late Virgil J. and Flossie M. (Keeler) Bassett.

He married Polly DeCoursey on July 26, 1958, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Thomas D. of Fort Wayne, Mark A. and Kevin J., both of Auburn, and William M. of Grabill; one brother, Richard L. of Kendallville; one sister, Dessie M. Biddle of Dousman, Wis.; six grandchildren and one stepgrandchild.

One brother, Virgil Jr., preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home, with Dr. Jack Lewis Pursell of the Auburn Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Boy Scout Troop 169, or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Rev. Clinton Moser

BERNE — The Rev. Clinton M. Moser, 91, died Tuesday in Adams County Hospital in Decatur.

He was the associate pastor of Dayspring Community Church (formerly Auburn Missionary Church) and lived in Berne. He was the former pastor of Yoder Missionary Church, Northside Missionary Church of Fort Wayne, Missionary churches in Lima, Ohio, Flint, Mich., Woodburn, and Bluffton, Ohio, and Groveland Missionary Church in Englewood, Ohio.

He was born March 20, 1907, in West Berne, Ind., to the late Mike and Bertha (Stauffer) Moser.

Surviving him are his wife, Esther; two sons, Howard Moser of Ecuador and David Moser Cotner of Chicago; two daughters, Carol Kessler of Indianapolis and Alice Minnick of Fort Wayne, and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in West Missionary Church, Berne, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will take place in M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne.

Memorial contributions may be sent to World Partners of the Missionary Church Inc., 3811 Vanguard Drive, P.O. Box 9127, Fort Wayne IN 46899-9127.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Mary Ellen Aldrich**, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

HOWE — **Helen Mae Brown**, 74, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hackman-Fogelsong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Catherine Cart**, 77, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

LIGONIER — **Wilbert F. Rink**, 95, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Barbara Kay (Pfaff) Smith**, 56, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Friday.

HUNTERTOWN — **Ruth P. (Weaver) Drook**, 91, died Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Larrision-Martin Duncan Funeral Home, Converse.

Mabel Hemphill

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mabel B. Hemphill, 89, of Wolcottville, died at 3:52 a.m. Wednesday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Andrews Feb. 28, 1909, to John and Bertha (Bump) Anson. On Dec. 7, 1927, she married John Hemphill. He preceded her in death May 22, 1968.

Mrs. Hemphill moved to Wolcottville in 1964 from Hammond where she and her husband owned and operated Hemphill Floral Shop at 169 Harrison St. She was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church, South Milford, and the South Milford Friendship Club.

Surviving are two great-nephews, Leif Erickson of LaGrange, and George Hoffman of Helmer; a great-niece, Kristen Hanover of Ashley; and a dear friend, Jane Minch of Hammond, along with other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

Deaths/Funerals

Barbara Slayton

WATERLOO — Barbara Jean Slayton, 68, of Waterloo, died Thursday at 12:35 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

She previously had been employed as a kitchen worker at Harrah's Casino in Reno, Nev.

She was born Oct. 23, 1930, in Indiana to Earl and Florence (Sylvester) McInturf, both now deceased.

She is survived by five sons, Robert E. Newman of Garrett, Jesse Hiestand of Portland, Ind., Martin Biedler of Bronson, Mich., Wayne Allen Squires of Hudson and Claude Buss Jr. of Auburn; one daughter, Ginger Haines of Fort Wayne; and five sisters, Ellen Emerick and Sharon Emerick, both of Hudson, Betty Maloney of Kimmell, Ruth Martin of Fort Wayne and Laura Riley of Mesa, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Hiestand, and four brothers, Lee, Ralph, Dale and Ward McInturf.

A memorial service will take place Saturday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Vivian Basgovik

BUTLER — Vivian L. Basgovik, 70, died Sunday in her home on County Road 16, Butler.

Mrs. Basgovik was a former employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler. She also did volunteer work for the Butler Eagles Lodge.

She was born May 1, 1928, in Steuben County to the late Norman and Cleo (Mocherman) Soule. Her husband, Frank, died in 1998.

Surviving her are five sons, Henry, Leo, Janeanne, Paul Charles, and Kaylene; a brother, Wendell Riley of Ottumwa, Iowa; three sisters, Ethel Carder of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Lelah Schlicker and Annabell Schlicker, both of Albia, Iowa.

One brother, Norman Soule, preceded her in death.

There will be no calling hours or services. Burial will take place in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Mary Baker

CHURUBUSCO — Mary L. Baker, 88, formerly of Churubusco and more recently of Fort Wayne, died at 8 a.m. Thursday in the home of her daughter in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for some time but her death was unexpected.

She was born Sept. 4, 1910, in DeKalb County to George H. and Eva (Wildeson) Boger. On Feb. 24, 1951, she married Wilbur Baker, who preceded her in death Dec. 27, 1983.

Mrs. Baker lived in DeKalb County until moving to Harlan. She later lived in Fort Wayne for 13 years and moved to Churubusco in 1954.

She made her home with her daughter since 1990. She was a former employee of Singer Sewing Center in Fort Wayne. She retired from the House of Fabric in Fort Wayne after 13 years.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Donald Neukom of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Shirley Ransom of Wickenburg, Ariz., Jerry and Rita Ransom of Churubusco, and James and Gail Ransom of Phoenix, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Walter Boger, Albert Boger and William Boger.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Entombment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Mausoleum in Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-7 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Salome Eicher

PLEASANT — Salome V. Eicher, 15, of Pleasant, died Thursday at 6:35 a.m. at the University of Louisville Hospital, Louisville, Ky., from a head injury.

She and her father, Victor J. Eicher, were injured Dec. 31 when their buggy was struck by a truck. Her father perished the day of the accident.

Miss Eicher was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and worked as a farm laborer. She had lived in Switzerland County since 1990.

She was born March 29, 1983, in Branch County, Mich., to Victor J. and Lovina (Schwartz) Eicher. Her mother survives at home.

Also surviving are four brothers, Jacob, Samuel, Victor and Christie Eicher, all of Pleasant; five sisters, Katherine, Lovina, Salina, Emma and Maggie Eicher, all of Pleasant; paternal grandparents, Jacob W.C. and Saloma (Yoder) Eicher of Branch County; maternal grandmother Katie (Wengard) Schwartz of Branch County; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Numerous family members live in the Fremont area.

Services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Eicher residence, 38 Pleasant Grove Road, Pleasant, with Bishop Jerry Wickey officiating. Burial will be in the Old Order Amish Cemetery, Pleasant.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are being made by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, Vevay.

Evening Star, Fri, Jan. 8, 1999 (cont'd)

Laura Baker

FREMONT — Laura Elizabeth Baker, 13, of Fremont, died unexpectedly Wednesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Miss Baker was a seventh-grade student at Fremont Middle School, where she was a member of the student council and an honor roll student. She was active in cross country, basketball, softball and track, and she enjoyed music and reading.

She was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church and its youth group.

She was born July 25, 1985, in Marion, to Gary W. and Regina (Rimmel) Baker, who survive at home. Her father is principal of Fremont High School.

Also surviving are a brother, Joseph, at home; a sister, Jill, at home; maternal grandparents, Burton and Darlene Rimmel of Albion; paternal grandparents, Richard and Maxine Baker of Indianapolis; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and Saturday from 12:30-2 p.m. at Fremont United Methodist Church.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the church with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, near Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to a fund set up in Laura's name for the Fremont Middle School or the Fremont United Methodist Church youth group.

Lois Kaufman

PLEASANT LAKE — Lois C. Kaufman, 86, of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Kaufman, was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist church, a 50-year member and past matron of the Ashley Eastern Star, and a member of the Pleasant Lake Matrons. She lived all of her life in Pleasant Lake.

She was born Sept. 15, 1912, to the late Lewis and Jessie (Wilder) Webb.

Surviving are a son, James M. Kaufman of Jackson, Mich.; two daughters, Bonnie Johnson of Eden, N.Y., and Barbara Cook of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Wier Webb of Schertz, Texas; a sister, Wanda Fast of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence E. Kaufman, on March 7, 1991; and brother, Lyle Webb; a grandson, Timothy Kaufman; and a great-grandson, Dane Kinner.

Friends may call Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with Pastor John Kabes officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Marjorie A. Furnas**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

LIGONIER — **Cleo E. Taylor**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

ROME CITY — **John J. Burgei**, 77, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Omer LeRoy Amburn**, 92, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Mabel Hemphill

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mabel B. Hemphill, 89, of Wolcottville, died at 3:52 a.m. Wednesday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Andrews Feb. 28, 1909, to John and Bertha (Bump) Anson. On Dec. 7, 1927, she married John Hemphill. He preceded her in death May 22, 1968.

Mrs. Hemphill moved to Wolcottville in 1964 from Hammond where she and her husband owned and operated Hemphill Floral Shop at 169 Harrison St. She was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church, South Milford, and the South Milford Friendship Club.

Surviving are two great-nephews, Leif Erikson of LaGrange, and George Hoffman of Helmer; a great-niece, Kristen Hancock of Ashley; and a dear friend, Jane Minch of Hammond, along with other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

(Editor's note: This obituary was reprinted to correct errors.)

Deaths/Funerals

Kathleen Jackson

ANGOLA — Kathleen Mary Jackson, 73, of Angola, died Dec. 29 in her home.

Mrs. Jackson was a homemaker and became a U.S. citizen in 1993.

She was born in London, England, Nov. 4, 1925, to the late John William and Maude Jane (Stock) Brand.

She married Judson Edward "Ed" Jackson on July 19, 1951, and he preceded her in death Sept. 19, 1993. Four brothers, John William, George Alexander, James Frederick and Walter Brand, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela M. Mills of Newark, Del.; two sisters, Maude Jane Bryer of Pevensky Bay, Sussex, England, and Marie Christine Brand of London; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola after 10 a.m. Thursday.

A funeral service will be conducted in the funeral home at 11 a.m. Thursday, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be given to the American Heart Association.

Gloria Eichler

FREMONT — Gloria Diane Eichler, 63, died Friday at her home at Clear Lake, Fremont.

Mrs. Eichler was a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church. She enjoyed traveling.

She was born July 4, 1935, in Allen County to AsBury and Lois Rathert Baker.

Mrs. Eichler is survived by her husband, Kenneth; two daughters and sons-in-law, James and Renne Ly Burlage of Columbia City and Roger and Tracy Diane Creager of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, David Scott and Lisa Eichler of Fremont; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kenneth Redmann officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Clear Lake Lutheran Church or to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — **Phyllis D. (Plattner) Heeter**, 81, died Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Calling takes place from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Marcia L. Luttman

Sebring, Fla. — 1934-1999

Marcia L. Luttman, 64, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Ashley, Ind., died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, in Orlando.

The Hudson, Ind., native was a retired registered nurse and a member of Hudson United Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband, Roger; sons John of Portland, Texas, and Erich of Plant City; daughters Adele Mason of Steubenville, Ohio, and Katherine McCarthy of Davis, Calif.; a brother, Donald Allen of North Webster; and 11 grandchildren. Private services are Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. There is no calling. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery. Memorials are to the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Leila Moore

ST. JOE — Leila Mae Moore, 76, died Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

Mrs. Moore was a cook at Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe for 15 years and also worked for the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ.

She was born Dec. 16, 1922, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Willard Leroy and Olive Odessa (Mettert) Hurni.

She married Paul A. Moore on Oct. 12, 1948, in St. Joe, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rowena Edquid of Fort Wayne and Janelle Baggett of Dallas; one brother, Maurice Hurni of Union Mills, Ind.; two sisters, Jean Shockley of St. Joe and Barb Timmerman of Spencerville; and four grandchildren, Carrie and Kristen Edquid, and Travis and Britney Baggett.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the St. Joe Church of Christ. Pastor Matt Higle and Pastor Larry Watson will officiate. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Alzheimer's Association-Northern Indiana Chapter.

Carolyn Slusher

BUTLER — Carolyn Ann Lehner High Slusher, 48, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in her Butler home.

She was a factory worker at Magnavox for 10 years and a lifetime resident of Butler.

She was born June 23, 1950, in Auburn. Her parents were the late Howard Lehner and Norma King Albertson.

Surviving her are a daughter, Melinda Cooper of Butler; three brothers, Bobbie Lehner of Fremont, Jackie Lehner of Waterloo and Kenny Lehner of Florida; one grandson, Brody Cooper of Butler; and a special cousin, Rita King of Butler.

There will be no calling hours or services. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, was in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Rasler

KENDALLVILLE — Lawrence M. Rasler, 78, of Kendallville, died at 12:53 p.m. Sunday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill three days.

He was born in LaGrange County March 24, 1920, to Clarence and Zela (Dennison) Rasler. In June 1974 in Woodruff, he married Catherine (Reade) Springer. She survives.

Mr. Rasler had lived in Rome City before moving to Kendallville 25 years ago. He was retired from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville. He was also a paper carrier for The News-Sun for a number of years. A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Douglas Rasler of Evansville, Brian Rasler of Topeka, and Stuart Rasler of Churubusco; a stepdaughter, Nancy Boggs of Albion; four stepsons, Jerry Springer of Auburn, James Springer of Columbia City, Ronald Lankford of Kendallville, and Jack Springer of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald Rasler of Goshen, and Eugene Rasler of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; 14 stepgrandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Frederick of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Grove Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Cleota Horner

ANGOLA — Cleota M. Horner, 96, of Angola, died Sunday at the Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Horner was retired after teaching at several rural schools, most recently in Hudson and Pleasant Lake.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church, a 50-year member and past matron of the Ashley Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a past president of the Steuben County Republican Women's Club, a member of the Business and Professional Women, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and a member of the Retired Teachers Organization.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Vivian Pfingstag, on Jan. 25, 1966; her second husband, Harold Horner, in February, 1980; and a half-sister, Eileen Roberts.

Surviving are a son, Richard Pfingstag of Angola; three daughters, JoAnn Coggeshall of Angola, Margaret Jean Lyons of Hickory, N.C., and Ruth Fox of Angola; a stepson, Richard Horner of Traverse City, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren 18 great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Knowlton and the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola Christian Church.

Vivian Baskovik

BUTLER — Vivian L. Baskovik, 70, died Sunday in her home on County Road 16, Butler.

Mrs. Baskovik was a former employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler. She also did volunteer work for the Butler Eagles Lodge.

She was born May 1, 1928, in Steuben County to the late Norman and Cleo (Mocherman) Soule. Her husband, Frank, died in 1998.

Surviving her are five sons, Henry, Leo, Janeanne, Paul Charles, and Kaylene; a brother, Wendell Riley of Ottumwa, Iowa; three sisters, Ethel Carder of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Lelah Schlicker and Annabell Schlicker, both of Albia, Iowa.

One brother, Norman Soule, preceded her in death.

There will be no calling hours or services. Burial will take place in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Butler Eagles Lodge.

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William Thrush

GARRETT — William Thrush, 53, died Friday afternoon in St. Margaret's Hospital, Hammond, Ind.

Mr. Thrush was a truck driver for Grammer Industries in Grammer, Ind., for eight years and lived on Shagbark Court in Garrett. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church of Garrett, the Garrett post of the American Legion and Garrett Eagles Lodge.

He was born March 11, 1945, in Garrett to Albert and Dorothy (Lytle) Thrush. They survive.

He married Diana Shilling on June 4, 1966, in Fort Wayne and she survives.

One brother, Denny Thrush of Garrett, also survives.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Curt Brincefield officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, with a military graveside service by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the D.A.R.E. program.

Oleda Delauder

PHILIPPI, W.Va. — Oleda Delauder, 75, died Friday at 3 a.m. in her home in Philippi, W. Va. She was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 2, 1923, to the late Stanley and Pearl (Bryan) Delauder.

Surviving her are one daughter, Beverly Snyder of Philippi; five brothers, Winfield and Randolph, both of Garrett, Andy and Donald, both of Auburn, and Denver of Bellington, W.Va.; three sisters Lueray Weaver of Butler, Velvadeen Delauder of Philippi, and Virginia Catacola of Clarksburg, W.Va.; and two grandchildren.

One brother, Carl, and three sisters, Vera Poling, Myrtle Delauder and Auldeen Delauder, preceded her in death.

Private services were conducted Saturday in Philippi. Burial took place in St. Joseph Chapel Cemetery in rural Philippi.

Dorothy Stroh

FREMONT — Dorothy B. Stroh, 94, of Fremont, died Saturday at the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Stroh was a homemaker and member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 17, 1904, in Steuben County to the late Ora and Edith Sellers Miller.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard Stroh, in 1965.

Surviving are two sons, Jack (and wife, Carol) Stroh of Fremont and Hal (and wife, Roberta) Stroh of Kendallville; three sisters, Lois Wigent of Spring Arbor, Mich., Lucille Sugden of Lansing, Mich., and Eleanor (and husband, Herman) Custer of Camden, Mich.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will take place in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fremont United Methodist Church or to Lakeside Cemetery.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Jorge Munoz Caballero**, 11 days old, died Thursday. Graveside services were today in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Donald J. Hess**, 86, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling two hours before services. Additional calling from 3-3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Chapel, with a committal service at 3:30 p.m.

Boyce Sade

CHURUBUSCO — Boyce Sade, 70, died Saturday at 8:35 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Sade served in the U.S. Air Force from 1946 to 1950. He was a truck driver for Norwalk Truck Lines and MFX Truck Lines in fort Wayne for 35 years. After retiring, he was employed as a security guard at Foamex in Auburn and Dana Corp. in Churubusco. He had lived in Churubusco since 1954.

He was a member of American Legion Post 157, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846 and Teamsters Local 414.

He was born May 11, 1928, in Mount Pleasant, Ark., to the late Jesse and Dora Hiland Sade.

He married Grace Pinkston on June 1, 1951, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Robert G. and Paul B., both of Churubusco, Darrell W. of Kimmell and John E. of Hopatcong, N.J.; three daughters, Vivian L. Rosswurm and Margaret S. Blake, both of Churubusco, and Janet E. Lehmkuhl of Northwood, N.H.; two brothers, Drexel Sade of Cave City, Ark., and Kenarrd Sade of Evening Shade, Ark.; one sister, Jonese Smith of Sidney, Ark.; and 13 children.

One son, Marcus Dale Sade, preceded him in death in 1978.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating. Burial will take place in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorial contributions may be given to Churubusco American Legion Post 157 Local Scholarship Fund.

Deaths/Funerals

Orville Teegardin

HAMILTON — Orville D. Teegardin, 84, died Monday at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Teegardin was a farmer and worked for 10 years as a gate collector for the Indiana Toll Road. He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and the National Stamp Society. He was a stamp dealer for 50 years.

He was born April 10, 1914, in Otsego, Ind., to the late Shirley and Nellie (Morley) Teegardin.

He married Dorothea E. (Kogin) Teegardin on Dec. 24, 1936, in Metz, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Margo Teegardin of Bonita Bay, Fla., and Edwin and Margaret "Peg" Teegardin of Hamilton; one daughter, Annetta N. Teegardin of Auburn; three sisters, Ruth Easterday of Zeeland, Mich., Helen Mahrt of Fort Wayne and Mary Teegardin of Keystone Heights, Fla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Nancy Irene Teegardin, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

His funeral service will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Teegardin Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the church, the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

Marcia Luttman

ASHLEY — Marcia L. Luttman, 64, died at 9 p.m. Saturday in Orlando, Fla.

She was born in Hudson, March 24, 1934, to Wendell and Ruth (Libey) Allen. She married Roger Luttman and he survives.

Mrs. Luttman had lived in Hudson before moving to Sebring, Fla., in 1981. She was a graduate of Ashley High School and had a four-year nursing degree from Fort Wayne. She was a retired registered nurse and a member of Hudson United Methodist Church.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Adele Mason of Steubenville, Ohio, and Katherine McCarthy of Davis, Calif.; two sons, John Luttman of Portland, Texas, and Erich Luttman of Plant City, Fla.; a sister, Janice Luttman of Hudson; a brother, Donald Allen of North Webster; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Harriett Armstrong in 1998.

The funeral services will be private. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Hudson United Methodist Church. Memorial envelops will be available at the church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Mary A. Stangland**, 91, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Merriam Christian Chapel. Calling 2-9 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

CHURUBUSCO — **Freeda Winebrenner Zumbrun**, 96, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

CROMWELL — **William James Cusick**, 56, died Sunday. Private services. No calling.

LIGONIER — **John L. Slone**, 61, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

TOPEKA — **Joseph J. Gingerich**, 78, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Maple Grove Church, Topeka, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Don Crisman

ANGOLA — Don E. Crisman, 84, of Angola, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crisman was vice president and sales manager for Crescent Paper Co. of Indianapolis, retiring in 1976 after 39 years. He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, and the Martinsville Masonic Lodge.

He was born March 2, 1914, in Angola, to the late Jonas G. and Lena (Carpenter) Crisman.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Ted Crisman of Fremont; two daughters, Sandra Lee Weakly of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Janice E. Stanier of Valparaiso; and seven granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June (Mogel) Crisman, on Jan. 31, 1991.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. David Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Larry Shuff

FORT WAYNE — Larry Shuff, 48, died Sunday at his home.

He worked at Lincoln Food Service and was a volunteer Fire Police officer in Nokomis, Fla. He was born in St. Joe.

Surviving him are his wife, Marlene Shuff of Fort Wayne; two sons, Jon Miller of Venice, Fla., and Thomas Miller of Bradenton, Fla.; three daughters, Michelle Laver of Waterville, Ohio, Lisa Hatfield of Grand Rapids, Ohio, and Gigi Cole of Bradenton; his mother, Shirley Chapman of Butler; a brother, John Woggeman of Butler; a sister, Janice Renfrow of Auburn; and seven grandchildren.

His funeral service was conducted Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Esther Molin

AUBURN — Esther Alma Molin, 90, died Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Molin was a college professor for 25 years, spending 20 years at Owosso Bible College in Owosso, Mich. She was an elementary school teacher for 10 years. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree from New York University. She attended County Line Church of God in rural Auburn.

She was born Oct. 29, 1908, in Cornith, Mich., to the late William and Mary Ann (Blackman) Gardner. Her husband, Emil J. Molin, died in 1965.

Surviving her are two stepsons, Dr. John Molin of Auburn and Emil Molin of Oak Grove, Ky.; one stepdaughter, Roslind Webb of Pomona, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, Edith Barber and Dorothy Molin; one sister, Ruth Gardner; and one brother, William Gardner.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will begin Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Al Black of the County Line Church of God will officiate. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Waynedale.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Barbara Bird

COLDWATER, Mich. — Barbara D. Bird, 66, died Monday in the Laurels of Coldwater, Mich.

The Milwaukee native and Coldwater resident worked in private care nursing for many years.

Her survivors include three sons, Frank R. Bird of Garrett, John C. Bird of LaGrange and Paul H. Bird of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, with calling there from 2 to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Roger Williams

BERNE — Roger Q. Williams, 80, died Sunday in Adams County Hospital, Decatur.

The Jay County native owned and operated Williams Auto Parts of Portland from 1951 until his retirement in 1983.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary; one son, Edward M. Williams of rural Portland; one daughter, Linda L. Hall of Indianapolis; three brothers, Doyle E. Williams and Richard Williams, both of rural Portland, and Melvin Williams of Palm Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Ioma Rathburn of Auburn and Laura Glenn Squires of Cromwell; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Portland Chapel of Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, Portland. Calling there from 3 to 8 p.m. today, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Little Salamonia Cemetery, southeast of Portland.

Preferred memorials are to Swiss Village, Berne.

William Schimpf

BUTLER — William R. "Bill" Schimpf, 69, died Monday at 9 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Schimpf was an inspector for Hendrickson Suspension in Butler for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and lived in Butler for many years.

He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6572 and Butler Eagles Lodge 2733, where he was a former president.

He was born Dec. 1, 1929, in Auburn to the late Richard William and Ethyl Florence (Moore) Schimpf.

Surviving him are three sons, Butch E. of Waterloo, Noah M. of Angola and David L. of Lake Worth, Fla.; one daughter, Joleene A. Kaiser of Butler; one sister, Ruth Teegardin of Fort Wayne; one grandchild; and his former wife, Judith "Judy" Schimpf of Butler.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau of Christ's Church, Butler, officiating. Burial will take place in the Butler Cemetery.

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John Cox

KNOX — John W. "Fritz" Cox, 88, died Monday at Countryside Place Nursing Home in Knox.

Mr. Cox was a postal mail carrier and lived in Knox all his life. He was a 50-year member of Knox Masonic Lodge 639. He was a member of the United States Postal Association, Starke County Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knox American Legion, and Starke County Council on Aging.

He was born Jan. 11, 1911, in Knox to the late John and Ada (Leeapold) Cox.

He married Ermil "Billie" Cox on Jan. 21, 1935, and she died May 18, 1986.

Surviving him are one son, John Cox of Auburn; one daughter, Patricia Vanek of North Judson; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, 108 S. Main St., Knox.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Heart Fund or the Council on Aging.

Clayton Young

LAKE GEORGE — Clayton N. "Sparky" Young, 69, died Tuesday.

Mr. Young was a longtime resident of Montgomery, Mich., and retired from Dana Corp. in Angola. He graduated from Montgomery High School and was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a Purple Heart recipient.

He was active in stock car racing during the 1960s. He was a member of Montgomery American Legion Post 156 and the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Aug. 19, 1929, in Montgomery to the late Alvin and Eva (Fouts) Young.

He married Theda "Marilyn" Leas in 1976 and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Roxanne McCavit of Allen, Mich., and Cindy Garcia and Lori Wigent, both of Reading, Mich.; one son, Barry Young of North Adams, Mich.; three stepchildren, Lynn Stockwell of Hudson, Allan Fowler of Midland, Mich., and Alison Taylor of Corydon, Ind.; five sisters, Donna Bryan, Janet Schindler and Ruth Ruhl, all of Montgomery, Wanda Freeburn of Ray, Ind., and Linda Long of Reading; one brother, Ronald of Montgomery; 13 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, seven stepgrandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in St. John-White Funeral Home in Reading.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tom Fox officiating. Burial will take place in Berg Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Montgomery post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Hillsdale County.

Crystal Tisdel

WOLCOTTVILLE — Crystal Lynn Tisdel, 6, of Westler Lake, rural Wolcottville, died Saturday at her home from injuries sustained in a house fire.

She was born Oct. 27, 1992, in Three Rivers, Mich., to Robert and Phyllis (Bell) Tisdel. They survive.

Crystal was a kindergarten student at Wolcott Mills Elementary School. She liked to sing and color.

Surviving with her parents are a brother, Jonathan Tisdel, at home; a sister, Ashley Bell, at home; grandparents, Furman Bell of Centreville, Mich., Louise Black of Sturgis, Mich., Bonnie Rasmussen of Quincy, Mich., and Chester Tisdel of Jackson, Mich.; a stepgrandfather, Donald Miller of Mendon, Mich.; great-grandparents, Harry and Maxine Rasmussen of Quincy, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. today in Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich., with Toni Dee officiating. Burial will be in Mottville Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

DECATUR — **Esther L. Franklin**, 87, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Zion United Church of Christ, Decatur,

Deaths/Funerals

Aliene Brooks

HAMILTON — Aliene R. Brooks, 84, of Hamilton, died Wednesday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

A homemaker, Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Alvarado United Methodist Church, the Hamilton Rebekah Lodge and a 50-year member and past matron of Angola Eastern Star Chapter 78.

She was born in Steuben County on March 30, 1914, to the late Fred and Emma (Gilbert) Willibey.

On May 1, 1932, she married Charles O. Brooks, who preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1985.

Surviving are a son, Lynn Brooks of Auburn; a daughter, Helen Campbell; three brothers, Gilbert Willibey of Cedarville, Duane Willibey of Butler and Donnell Willibey of Hamilton; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Neil Brooks, in 1956.

Friends may call at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Travis Hostler and the Rev. Richard Doenges officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Scott Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be given to Alvarado United Methodist Church.

Florence Bassett

AUBURN — Florence Bassett, 92, died Wednesday at 5:10 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bassett retired in 1970 from Dana Corp. with 29 years of service. She was a homemaker and a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Women Nellie Weaver Circle and the Loyal Missionary Sunday School class. She was a charter member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge and Auburn Cord Duesenberg Women's Club. She was a member of the DeKalb Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 5, 1906, in Spencerville to the late William L. and Rosie B. (Parmer) Church.

She married Ora E. Bassett on Nov. 27, 1924, in Auburn, and he died in 1967.

Surviving her are one son, Argyl L. of Auburn; one daughter, Donna L. McDaniel of Auburn; two sisters, Alice I. Shaffer of Garrett and Ruth N. Wilmot of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret, one grandchild, Beau; six brothers, Ira, Clarence, Williams, Charles, Floyd and George; and three sisters, Belle, Viola and Mima.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will begin Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Wilbur Yates and the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church or Youth For Christ.

Judith Schnurr

HUDSON — Judith K. Schnurr, 57, of Hudson, died at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 7, 1941, to John and Dorothy (Luegring) Gunter. They survive in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schnurr, a 1959 graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne, had been employed by Wal-Mart in Kendallville for three years. She had lived at Lake-of-the-Woods the past 27 years.

Surviving with her parents are her companion, Bill Hildinger; two daughters, Mrs. Mike (Pam) Schieber of Ashley, and Mrs. John (Jennifer) Sproat of Fort Wayne; three sons, Robert J. Schnurr of Monroe, Mich., Anthony P. Schnurr of Indianapolis, and Donald D. Schnurr of Ashley; a sister, Teresa Wampner of Roanoke; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Gunter, in 1985.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Dean Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Laura M. Manning**, 73, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

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James Johnston Jr.

AUBURN — James E. Johnston Jr., 21, died Thursday at 10:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 19, 1977, in Auburn to James E. Johnston Sr. and Patti (Howey) Johnston. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving him are a brother, Jarrod of Auburn; and his grandparents, Harold and Joan Johnston.

A half-brother, Arthur Paul Johnston, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jean Brindel, pastor of Leo United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Russell A. Shaffer

AUBURN — Russell A. Shaffer, 78, of Auburn, died Friday at 12:20 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Shaffer was a Hamilton-area resident for 39 years, living in Franklin Township. He worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 25 years. He retired in 1982. He was a member of the Jerusalem Community Church in Butler and most recently had been attending the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler.

He was born March 3, 1920, to the late Wesley and Bethel (Rhoads) Shaffer.

He married Ilah Slentz on June 1, 1941. She survives him.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael R. of St. Joe and Ronald K. (and wife, Pamela) of Goshen; four grandchildren, Tami King, Mathew Shaffer, Shawn Hughart and Brett Shaffer; three stepgrandchildren, Jen Alberson, Rich Harley and Lori Moss; two great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Shaffer.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating.

Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery at Newville.

Memorial donations may be made to Jerusalem Community Church or Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Flossie Hubbard

AUBURN — Flossie "Bizz" Hubbard, 82, died Friday morning in St. Johns Hospital in Anderson.

Before becoming a laundry attendant at Betz Nursing Home, she was a factory worker at Universal Tool and Sheller Globe. She retired from Betz after 15 years. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe.

She was born Aug. 15, 1916, to the late Oren Elmer and Emma Jane (Mann) Inlow in St. Joe.

She married William H. Hubbard on Sept. 17, 1938, in Covington, Ky. He preceded her in death on Sept. 5, 1976.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Janet Sue Hubbard; a son, David Hubbard; three sisters, Mabel Furnish, Alta Anderson and Irene Inlow; four brothers, Leslie Inlow, A.D. "Tim" Inlow, Harold Inlow and William Inlow.

Surviving are a daughter, Rebecca Robinson of Anderson; two sisters, Becky Grobis of Butler and Betty Lee of Auburn; four brothers, D. Paul Inlow of Harlan, Loren Inlow of Harlan, Donald Inlow of Auburn and Roger Inlow of Auburn; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Bob Anderson and the Rev. Doug Holley officiating.

Burial will take place in Alton Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Green

HELMER — Robert O. Green, 79, of Helmer, was pronounced dead on arrival Friday at 6:47 p.m. at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Deaths/Funerals

Flossie Hubbard

AUBURN — Flossie "Bizz" Hubbard, 82, died this morning at St. John's Hospital in Anderson.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Charles McGrew

ASHLEY — Charles L. McGrew, 91, died Thursday at 2:15 p.m. in his daughter's home in Ashley.

Mr. McGrew worked as a mechanic for 37 years at Lepley Garage in Ashley, retiring in 1973. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Ashley Fire Department for 25 years. He lived on North Gonser Street in Ashley and was a member of the Ashley Church of God.

He was born April 3, 1907, in Steubenville to the late John Paul and Mable Mae (Wilcox) McGrew.

He married Ethel Benjamin on March 6, 1929, in Pleasant Lake, and she died Sept. 3, 1992.

Surviving him are one son, Gene of Ashley; two daughters, Janice Noll of Ashley and Joyce Straley of Hudson; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral will be conducted Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dean Snyder, pastor of the Ashley Church of God, officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Robert Croy

BELLEAIR BLUFFS, Fla. — Robert H. Croy, 79, of Belleair Bluffs, Fla., died Wednesday at Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Croy was born in LaOtto, and moved to Florida in 1959 from Auburn. He owned and operated Croy Well Pointing Co., Largo, Fla.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He also was a member of the Christ the King Lutheran Church, Largo.

Mr. Croy is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Hilda M. Wolf; two sons, Charles William "Bill" Croy of Montgomery, Ala; and Richard Lynn "Dick" Croy of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; a daughter, Marilyn "Sue" Kimball of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.; three brothers, Laurence Croy of Rome City, Irvin Croy of Kendallville, Donald Croy of Angola; a sister, Tess Weldy of Topeka; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Calling is today at the Hubbell Funeral Home, 499 N. Indiana Rocks Road, Belleair Bluffs. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Christ the King Lutheran Church Building Fund, Oakhurst Road, Largo, Fla.

George Stover

KENDALLVILLE — George E. Stover, 88, of rural Kendallville, died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday in his residence.

He was born in Corunna July 14, 1910, to Walter C. and Lynne I. (Nolan) Stover. He married Geraldine Harries, and she preceded him in death Feb. 18, 1996.

Mr. Stover was a retired railroad worker.

Surviving are a sister, Delene Ward of Charlotte, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

Paul Nedele

FREMONT — Paul L. Nedele, 82, of Fremont, died Wednesday at the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Nedele was a self-employed farmer.

He was born July 10, 1916 in Steuben County.

Surviving is a brother, Dale Nedele, of Angola.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with Alvin Covell officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fremont post of the American Legion.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **G. Pauline (Miller) Ruckman**, 90, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — **George E. Stover**, 88, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

WAWAKA — **Laurel R. Kendall**, 85, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Wawaka Church of the Brethren. Calling 2-8 p.m. Sunday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Hugh Western

AUBURN — Hugh James Western, 66, of Auburn, died Friday at The Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Western was a shoe specialist at Fred Toenges Shoe Clinic in Fort Wayne, and former owner of the Nebelung Shoe Store in Auburn.

The Nebelung Shoe Corp. was formed in 1898 as a dealership of men's clothing, gradually changing stock to dry goods, shoes and ladies ready-to-wear clothing, in addition to a line of groceries. After the death of his father, Mr. Western entered into partnership with the late Franklin Bartels in the corporation, at the same time completing requirements for a business degree at Tri-State University, Angola.

Mr. Western was a member of the Jaycee organization in Auburn and presided as Grand Master of the Auburn Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Auburn Retail Association and promoted the Athletic Corner in the Westedge Mall in Auburn.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for 60 years, serving as a Boy Scout leader and clerk of the session for over 12 years. He also served on the Board of Elders at the church, and had also attended Presbytery as an elected, voting member. He was also a delegate to the Wabash River Presbit.

He was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Elks lodge and Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn. He enjoyed golfing and fishing, especially at the family cottage at Crooked Lake, Angola.

He was born July 2, 1932, in Auburn to the late Ethel N. and Harry Western.

Upon graduation from Auburn High School, he entered the armed services on Dec. 8, 1952. He served in the anti-aircraft division of the Army as corporal at Andrews Air Force Base.

On June 14, 1959, he married Julia Kay (Ferguson) Western. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeremy Scott Western of Auburn and Jeffrey Hugh Western of Noblesville; two sisters, Nancy Derrow of Auburn and Polly Norman of Tucson, Ariz.; a daughter-in-law, Lucretia Western; his mother-in-law, Ferne Ferguson; a brother-in-law, Donald Derrow; five nieces and one nephew; and five grandchildren, Jessica, Matthew and Mitchell of Noblesville, and Amanda and Blake of Auburn.

Mr. Western was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lillian, who died in infancy.

Friends may visit Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Robert Green

HELMER — Robert O. Green, 69, of Helmer, was dead on arrival at 6:47 p.m. Friday at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

He was born in Ligonier May 5, 1929, to Robert and Hazel (Forbes) Green. On Feb. 2, 1952, in Angola, he married Lois Provancha. She survives.

Mr. Green had lived in Columbia City four years and moved to Helmer 43 years ago. He was a self-employed private contractor and a World War II veteran. He was an honorary member of the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving with his wife are six daughters, Teresa Stuller of Spearman, Texas, and Tina Hampshire and Amy Walchle, both of Angola, Julie Brumbaugh of Laura, Ohio, Linda Featherstone of Waxahachie, Texas., and Lori Fuelling of Helmer; a son, Mark Green of Zionsville; three brothers, Karl Green of Wooster, Ohio, Leland Green of Ashley, and James Roy Green of Howe; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael in 1953, and several sisters.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson, with military rites by American Legion Post 31, Angola.

Visitation is from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Preferred memorials are to the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

Mary Fraley

FREMONT — Mary Ann Fraley, 61, of Barton Lake, Fremont, died Sunday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Fraley, a homemaker, was a 25-year member and secretary of the Fremont T.O.P.S. Club.

She was born Jan. 2, 1938, in Steuben County to the late Sanford and Hilda (Ayres) Caldwell.

On Jan. 31, 1960, she married Ronnie L. Fraley, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Christopher and Mark, both of Angola; a daughter, Pamela Jackson of LaGrange; three brothers, Richard Caldwell and Sanford Caldwell Jr. of Angola and Avon Caldwell of Butler; two sisters, Patty Caldwell of Butler and Marsha Clark of Bryan, Ohio; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Lusk and Rosalee Pruitt.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Robert Barker

PIERCETON — Robert J. Barker, 77, of Pierceton, died at 2:45 a.m. Saturday in Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Pierceton on March 9, 1921, to Arthur and Minnie (Weaver) Barker.

Mr. Barker had lived in Fort Wayne, Columbia City and Pierceton most of his life. He was a retired farmer and a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are five sisters, Bernice Woods of Warsaw, Devona Mooricha of Leo, Geraldine Graves of South Whitley, Jeraldine Jackson of Fort Wayne, and Orpha Thornburg of Grabill; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Dean Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.s

Visitation is from 1 p.m. until services on Tuesday in the funeral home.

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Mary Alexander

AUBURN — Mary Scott Alexander, 94, of Auburn, died Saturday at 11:45 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Alexander was a teacher, housewife, and vice president and office manager for Alexander Inc.

She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and the Heimach Senior Center, where she was a former vice president.

She was born in Selma, Iowa, on June 7, 1904, to the late George C. and Frances J. (Baker) Scott.

On April 19, 1928, she married Felix B. Alexander in Forest City, Iowa. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, George of Willis, Texas, and Wesley of North Fort Myers, Fla.; three daughters, Frances May Alexander of Auburn, Mary Nelsen of Boulder, Colo., and Marguerite Brude of Houston; 15 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Alexander was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Trichie; and three brothers, Lawrence, Clarence and James Scott.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. There will be no visitation, and burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

Gordon Roose

WATERLOO — Gordon S. Roose, 78, of Waterloo, died Sunday at 3:48 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Roose was a maintenance worker at Kitchen Quip Co. in Waterloo, retiring in 1985 after 24 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Continental, Ohio, to the late Jess and Edna (Henderson) Roose.

Mr. Roose is survived by two daughters, Janet Ordway of Waterloo and June Jordon of Auburn; two sisters, Laura Balliet of Huntertown and Mildred Geeting of Angola; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jessie and Curt.

Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Nellie Goings**, 77, died at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rome City United Methodist Church. Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. today and from 9:30 a.m. until services Tuesday in the church.

LAGRANGE — **Merle V. Rawson**, died early today in his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

FORT WAYNE — **Ronald L. Scott Sr.** , 59, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Wilbur H. Wright**, 99, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Servcies at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

AVILLA — **Mary L. Connor**, 82, died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, New Castle, Del.

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Dr. Paul Trausch

AUBURN — Dr. Paul M. "Doc" Trausch died today at 8:10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was a podiatrist and a former Auburn city councilman.

Funeral arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

R. Dale Harris

AUBURN — R. Dale Harris, 81, died today at 1:55 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Harris worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1982. He formerly lived on West Ninth Street in Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born March 27, 1917, in Auburn to the late Henry and Louise (Berg) Harris.

He married Vella Mae Webb on Sept. 28, 1940, in Auburn and she died Aug. 4, 1984.

Surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Harve and Marilee Harris of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Tim Musser of Waterloo; a son-in-law, James B. Mason of Auburn; a sister, Hilda Keefer of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Sarah Musser, Emily Prosser, Amie Cramer, Angie Mason, Chris Mason, David Harris and Julie Holwerda; and three great-grandchildren, Haley Prosser, Mason Cramer and Tyler Holwerda.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mellody Mason; two brothers, John and Ray; and two grandchildren, Hope and Jeffery Harris.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will take place in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church, the Catholic Cemetery Fund, or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Loss Gamble

CORUNNA — Loss Gamble, 73, of Corunna, died today at 12:05 a.m. in Kendallville Manor nursing home. He had been in failing health the past six months.

He was born Feb. 21, 1925, in Softshell, Ky., to Edd and Collie (Combs) Gamble. On Sept. 11, 1943, in Wheelwright, Ky., he married Ellen Mosley. She survives.

Mr. Gamble moved to this area from Kentucky in 1955. He retired in 1987 from Lane Foundry. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Stroh United Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Roger Gamble of Corunna, and Harry Gamble of Wolcottville; a sister, Blanche Finley of Dayton, Ohio; two brothers, Farris Gamble and Adam Gamble, both of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by nine brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Valentine Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Roy Green officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is after 5 p.m. today until services at the church on Thursday.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Martha Wappes

CHURUBUSCO — Martha H. Wappes, 62, of Churubusco, died at 3:30 a.m. today in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Among her survivors are her husband, James W. Wappes Sr.; a daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Michael Maroney of New Haven; a son and daughter-in-law, James Jr. and Denise Wappes of Fort Wayne; and a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Sherry and James Woodward of Garrett.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Beverly Chorpenning

AUBURN — Beverly M. Chorpenning, 71, died Saturday at 6:50 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

She was a lifetime resident of Auburn and was a member of the Indian Village Church of God. She loved sports and crocheting.

Miss Chorpenning was born April 21, 1927, in DeKalb County to the late Richard and Gertrude (Morr) Chorpenning.

Surviving her are one brother, Russell B. Chorpenning of Indianapolis, several nieces and nephews, and her guardian, Mary Jane Cain.

Friends may call Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will begin Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Burrus of the Indian Village Church of God officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Russell Hippenhammer**, 93, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

LAGRANGE — **Merle V. Rawson**, 87, longtime LaGrange businessman, died Monday at home. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Keith Covey

BUTLER — Keith Frederick Covey, 64, of North High Street in Butler, died Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Covey was a crane operator at Chapman's Auto Parts in Waterloo for several years.

He was born in Huntington on Aug. 10, 1934, to Fred and Sarah (Homier) Covey. Both parents are deceased.

He married Bertha Sue Neely in Huntington on Feb. 8, 1967, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Keith of Auburn; five brothers, Bob of Huntington, Jim of Rio Linda, Calif., and Chuck, Gary and Mike, all of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Judy Alford of Bluffton, Jean Frain of Rio Linda, Calif., Helen Whittenberg of Fort Wayne and Rita Yeager of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Alicia and Stephanie Covey.

Mr. Covey

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Max Ferris

BEDFORD, Ohio — Max Ray Ferris, 72, of Bedford, died Monday at Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland.

He was born May 30, 1926, in Pleasant Lake to the late James and Mabel (Huffman) Ferris.

On July 8, 1951, he married Thelma (Woods) Ferris, who preceded him in death on April 28, 1981.

He is survived by nieces and nephews, including Dean Harter of Angola.

There will be no calling.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Dr. Jim Cowin officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Elizabeth Andrews

HUNTINGTON — Elizabeth E. Andrews, 93, died Tuesday at 2:10 p.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, where she had resided since September 1992.

She was an elementary school teacher with the Huntington County Community School Corp., teaching at Lincoln and Roanoke elementary schools before retiring in 1970. She was a 1922 graduate of Huntington High School and a 1926 graduate of DePauw University in DePauw, Ind. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Vanguard Sunday School in Huntington, the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association and Huntington County Retired Teachers Association.

She was born June 4, 1905, to Samuel E. and Wiletta "Babe" (Lewis) Ervin in Durango, Colo.

She married Walter Andrews on March 2, 1940, in Huntington, and he died July 31, 1984.

Surviving her are one daughter, Marilyn (Mrs. Richard) Anderson of Waterloo; one son, Brent of Indianapolis; and five grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home Chapel, with calling after 10:30 a.m. The Rev. John Wallace will officiate, with burial to follow in Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the United Methodist Memorial Home.

Lucille Care

EL PASO, Texas — Lucille Care, 81, of El Paso, died Sunday in El Paso.

She was a former Steuben County resident.

She was born July 8, 1917, to the late George and Ethel (Beasecker) Goodrich.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Stephanie Care, of El Paso; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Care, in 1969, and a son, Dennis Care, in 1965.

Graveside services begin at 3 p.m. Thursday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Joshua Stahl

LAOTTO — Joshua J. Stahl, 16, of LaOtto, died Monday evening in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in a traffic accident Monday afternoon.

He was born in Kendallville May 29, 1982, to Bruce and Pamela Sue (Krock) Stahl. His father survives in LaOtto, and his mother in Auburn.

He was a junior at East Noble High School and also worked as a cashier for Scott's Foods, Kendallville. He was on the East Noble cross country team and went to state twice. He held a first degree black belt in Songham tae kwon do. He loved fishing, hunting and computer technology.

Surviving with his parents are his stepmother, Linda Odem of Warsaw; his paternal grandparents, Joy C. Stahl of Rome City, and Suzanne Stahl of Port Richey, Fla.; maternal grandparents, Bill and Marilyn Krock of Avilla; great-grandparents, Marguerite Stahl of Warren and Harry and Pauline Cogan of Traverse City, Mich.; two half-sisters, Brandy Stahl and Lindsey Meadows, both of Auburn; a half-brother, Bradley Meadows of Auburn; three stepsisters, Jamie Keister of Kendallville, Jodie Keister of Columbia City, and Danielle Odem of Warsaw; and a stepbrother, Jacob Odem of Warsaw.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the East Noble Athletic Department.

M. Quattlebaum

GARRETT — Marguerite Quattlebaum died Monday in Arlington, Va. Arrangements are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

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Nellie Yoder

TOPEKA — Nellie Ruth Yoder, 96, of Topeka, died at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday in her residence following a brief illness.

She was born Oct. 12, 1902, in LaGrange County to Moses P. and Carolina (Mehl) Hostetler. On Feb. 24, 1922, in Emma, she married Elva Yoder. He survives.

Mrs. Yoder had been a lifetime Topeka resident. She was a homemaker and member of Topeka Mennonite Church.

Surviving with her husband are four sons, Dwight Yoder of Hemet, Calif., Maurice Yoder of Topeka, James Yoder of Newton, Kan., and Gary Yoder of Akron; a daughter, Joan Hughes of Hamilton Lake; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Yoder; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Topeka Mennonite Church in Topeka, with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church.

Hilda Wade

CHURUBUSCO — Hilda M. Wade, 56, of rural Churubusco, was found dead Tuesday morning in her residence.

A lifetime resident of Churubusco, she was born March 26, 1942, to Luey J. and Florence (Ott) Wade.

Mrs. Wade was a 1960 graduate of Churubusco High School and she attended Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. She was formerly employed by the S.S. Kresge Warehouse in Fort Wayne and at Churubusco State Bank. She had been employed in the offices of Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne for the past 26 years. She was a member of the Second Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Fort Wayne, and was a past worthy matron of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

Surviving are a son, William W. Wade of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Everett O. and Deloris Rhodes of Pleasant Lake; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Donald LaRue of Brownsville, Texas, Marilyn and Arthur Helgesen of Churubusco, and Nancy and H. Norman Stump of Kimmell; and a granddaughter, Jessica Wade of Columbia City.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Allen Wade, on Aug. 6, 1960.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Second Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 5401 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Ronald R. Niebel officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday..

Churubusco Order of the Eastern State will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Norma Scharpenberg

ANGOLA — Norma Scharpenberg, 71, of Angola, died Monday in Blake Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Scharpenberg moved to Angola in 1982 from Fort Wayne, where she was employed as a personal secretary for Phelps Dodge until retiring in 1986.

On Aug. 3, 1946, she married Paul Scharpenberg. He preceded her in death on May 20, 1988.

She is survived by three sons, Ken of Columbia City, Dale of Montpelier, Ohio, and Kim of Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters, Carol Gardner of Angola and Kay Ames of Fort Wayne; a brother, Marvin Stegmann of Paduca, Ky.; a sister, Lois Ross of Spring Hill, Fla.; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, with Pastor Donald E. Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be given to the church or to the youth group of Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

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Elizabeth Carrel

ANGOLA — Elizabeth M. Carrel, 86, of Angola, died Tuesday at her home.

An artist and homemaker, Mrs. Carrel lived in Angola for 10 years after moving from Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Tri Kappa sorority, the art editor for Kappa Alpha Magazine from 1950-60, and a graduate of Shortridge High School and Butler University, Indianapolis.

She was born March 2, 1916, in Terre Haute to the late Harry and Emma (Ross) Messick.

On Jan. 15, 1938, she married Francis Carrel, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Edson Drew Carrel of Anderson, and Bryon Boon Carrell of Indianapolis; two daughters, Isabel Bailey Hindmarch of Seattle, and Elizabeth Anne Varga of Huntington; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Boone Messick.

A memorial service will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Ruth Shuford

ANGOLA — Ruth E. Shuford, 74, of Crooked Lake, died Monday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Shuford was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, a former member of the Angola Community Theater, a member of the Angola Garden Club and an avid bowler.

She was born Nov. 5, 1924, in Angola, to the late Harvey and Nada Belle (Chrysler) Shoup.

On Oct. 10, 1948, she married Charles "Bo" Shuford, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas (and wife, Barbara) Shuford of Angola; two daughters, Heidi J. (and husband, Scott) Guerrero of Fort Wayne, and Laurie (and husband, Lloyd) Lammle of Pensacola, Fla.; a brother, Willis Shoup of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sisters, Miriam Thompson of Granger and Jo Ann Booth of Norridgewock, Maine; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Literacy Coalition.

William Aschliman

AUBURN — William "Bill" Aschliman, 89, died Monday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was co-owner and operator of Gerig's Feed Mill and Hatchery, retiring in 1972. He also worked for Ball Brass for 10 years as a grinder and saw cutter. He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed working outdoors and loved visiting with people. He was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. He was born in Pike County, Ind.

Surviving him are his wife, Nellie M.; three sons, Edward L. of Pinehurst, N.C., John W. of Auburn and Donald D. of Lafayette; a daughter, Donna Jean Aschliman of Auburn; two brothers, Raymond of Auburn and Elmer of Kentucky; two sisters, Adeline Stuckey and Mildred Palmer, both of Auburn; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will begin Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Roy Collingsworth

AUBURN — Roy Collingsworth, 72, died Monday at 1:28 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Collingsworth retired in 1982 from Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry. He was an Auburn resident, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 357 in Garrett and was an avid fisherman, gardener and raccoon hunter.

He was born June 26, 1927, in Blackwater, Va., to the late Nace and Rettie (Levacy) Collingsworth.

He married Vivian Moore on Aug. 28, 1948, in Middlesburg, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Nadine Smithers of Auburn; four brothers, Luther and Willard, both of Butler, Millard of Auburn and Lloyd of Blackwater; six sisters, Mary Fisher and Evie Sage, both of Blackwater, Cleo Smith of Kingsport, Texas, Alice Shoopy and Liz Hall, both of Pontiac, Ill., and Gladys Whittle of Ocala, Fla.; one grandson, Jason L. Pinnington of Garrett; and three great-grandchildren, Alan, Nathaniel and Tyler Pinnington.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Roger O. Knuckles of the Assembly of Hope in Garrett will officiate. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

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M. Quattlebaum

ARLINGTON, Va. — Marguerite Quattlebaum, 89, died Monday in Arlington, Va.

Mrs. Quattlebaum was a Garrett native. She graduated from Indiana University with high honors and a major in library science.

She married Charles Quattlebaum following her graduation. The couple worked for the Library of Congress, then traveled during their retirement until his death in 1989.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Arlington, Va., where she lived.

She was born Oct. 14, 1909, in Garrett to the late Eugene F. and Estella (Moorhouse) Vogeding. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister, Mary Kathryn Steward.

Surviving her are four nephews, Michael "Mick" Steward and David Steward, both of Kendallville, Stephen Steward of Grabill, and Gregory Steward of Littleton, Colo.; and one niece, Rebecca Claxton of Garrett.

Her funeral Mass will be conducted Friday at 11:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10:30 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Dr. Floyd Coleman

WATERLOO — Memorial contributions for Dr. Floyd B. Coleman may be given to New Hope Christian Center, Gideon Society International or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Dr. Coleman died Wednesday at 7:05 a.m. in his Waterloo home. His full obituary appeared in Wednesday's edition.

Deloris Johnston

HOBBS, N.M. — Deloris Mae Johnston, 67, formerly of the Auburn-Waterloo area, died Jan. 5 in Hobbs Health Care in Hobbs, N.M.

She was born Jan. 20, 1931, in DeKalb County, to Nelson C. and Minnie (Stuller) Johnston.

Miss Johnston had lived in Waterloo 32 years and moved to Hobbs 35 years ago. She was self-employed for the past seven years. She was a longtime member of the American Legion Post in Hobbs.

Surviving are two brothers, Harold Johnston and Jack Johnston, both of Auburn; five sisters, Mrs. Dallas (Fay) Christlieb of St. Joe, Mrs. Delsey (Nancy) Sizemore of Waterloo, Mrs. William (Betty) Beckwith of Kendallville, and Alice Holmes and Beverly Jones, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1981, and her father in 1995.

Local private graveside services are pending in Fairfield Cemetery Cemetery, Corunna.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Charles Edwin "Chuck" Peterson**, 60, died Wednesday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services Saturday in the church.

AVILLA — **Richard C. Martin**, 90, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there one hour before services.

AVILLA — **Virgil E. McCarty**, 77, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Arline M. Janson**, 63, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

KENDALLVILLE — **Marion E. Rogers**, 71, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 3-9 p.m. Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Carl F. Wilcox**, 66, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Mildred L. Neuhouser**, 85, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

LIGONIER — **Martha Yoder**, 52, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in Maple Grove Church, Topeka, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Lucille Care

El Paso, Texas — 1917-1999

Lucille Care, 81, of El Paso, Texas, and formerly of Steuben County, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 1999, in El Paso.

She was a homemaker. Surviving are a son, Ronald of El Paso; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren, and a son, Dennis. Graveside services are 3 p.m. today at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, Ind. There is no calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Edward Baker

NAPLES, Fla. — Edward Leroy Baker, 94, of Bentley Village in Naples, died Wednesday.

He was born in Auburn and had been a resident of the Naples area since 1988.

Surviving are his daughter and her husband, Nancy B. and Donald E. Kelly of Naples; grandchildren Amy Easton (and husband, Edward) of Coral Gables, Fla., and Schuyler Kelly (and wife, Julie) of Asheville, N.C.; and great-grandchildren Grayson, Megan and Martha Kelly and Olivia Easton.

Funeral services and interment will be private.

The family prefers that memorial contributions be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Hodge Funeral Chapel of Naples is in charge of arrangements.

Florence McHenry

SPENCERVILLE — Florence L. "Mac" McHenry, 88, died Thursday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. McHenry retired from Lutheran Hospital after working 35 years as a pharmacist's assistant. She also worked at Parkview Hospital and Fort Wayne Methodist Hospital.

She was born April 1, 1910, in Noble County to the late Alva and Serina Jane (Wheeler) Reed.

On July 2, 1927, in Albion, she married Carrol W. McHenry. He preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1971.

Surviving are a son, Jack E. McHenry of Garrett; two daughters, Mary K. (Shears) Tucker of Spencerville, and Carolyn M. "Teddy" Delagrange of Harlan; a sister, Betty Cornewell of South Caroline; 17 grandchildren, 42 great-granchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Violet VanWald, Pansy Gilbo and Bertha "Bobby" Ray, and two brothers, Harley Lemmon and Robert Reed.

Calling hours will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Gerig and the Rev. Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Concord Fire Department, the Spencerville Fire Department, or Hospice Service of DeKalb County.

Paul Johnson

STROH — Paul Oliver Johnson, 92, of rural Stroh, died at 7:30 a.m. Thursday in his residence.

He was born Aug. 12, 1906, in Noble County to James and Mattie (Zunker) Johnson. On April 6, 1927, in LaGrange, he married Lottie Mae Boyd. She preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1994.

Mr. Johnson, a lifetime resident of the Stroh community, was retired from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville. He was a member the of VFW in Kendallville and Stroh Church of God. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are three sons, Glenn F. Johnson of Angola, Raymond E. Johnson of Stroh, and Leo P. Johnson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two half-sisters, Katherine Thompson of Butler, and Mary Shoe of Angola; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Robert Johnson, in 1943, and Carl J. Johnson, on May 5, 1998.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Loyd Jury officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Willodean J. Smith**, 75, died Wednesday. Service at 10 a.m. Monday in Beacon Baptist Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

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Deaths/Funerals

Florence McHenry

SPENCERVILLE — Florence L. "Mac" McHenry, 88, died Thursday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. McHenry retired from Lutheran Hospital after working 35 years as a pharmacist's assistant. She also worked at Parkview Hospital and Fort Wayne Methodist Hospital.

She was born April 1, 1910, in Noble County to the late Alva and Serina Jane (Wheeler) Reed.

On July 2, 1927, in Albion, she married Carrol W. McHenry. He preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1971.

Surviving are a son, Jack E. McHenry of Garrett; two daughters, Mary K. (Shears) Tucker of Spencerville, and Carolyn M. "Teddy" Delagrange of Harlan; a sister, Betty Cornewell of South Carolina; 17 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Violet VanWald, Pansy Gilbo and Bertha "Bobby" Ray, and two brothers, Harley Lemmon and Robert Reed.

Calling hours will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Gerig and the Rev. Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Concord Fire Department, the Spencerville Fire Department, or Hospice Service of DeKalb County.

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Deaths/Funerals

Larry Stroman

ITHACA, N.Y. — Larry K. Stroman, 45, of Danby, N.Y., died in a railway accident Friday in Alexander, N.Y.

Mr. Stroman had been an engineer and conductor for Conrail since 1998, and previously worked as an installation supervisor for Time Warner Cable for over 15 years.

He was born Aug. 9, 1953, in Elmira, N.Y., to Robert J. Stroman, now of North Dakota, and Jean Plaisted Krebs, of Indiana.

Also surviving are his wife of 11 years, Donna L. Stroman of Danby, N.Y., and formerly of the Angola area; a brother, Robert J. Stroman, Jr. of Dryden, N.Y.; a sister, Penny Stroman of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Dawn Howe of Newfield, N.Y., and Laura Zimmer of Detroit; his grandparents, Pete and Helen Strizack of Ithaca, N.Y.; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Several members of his wife's family are from the Angola area.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, William Krebs, and his nephew, Randy Stroman.

Friends may call at Bangs Funeral Home in Ithaca, N.Y. on Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial gifts may be given to a wildlife fund or organization of the donor's choice.

Nyal Brooks

ASHLEY — Nyal A. Brooks, 86, of Ashley, died at 7:05 p.m. Sunday in his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Herman J. Sorg Sr.**, 79, died Friday. Services were today in Decatur.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Velma Fletcher**, 70, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. Calling from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

CHURUBUSCO — **Robert L. Riecke**, 69, died Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling is from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and 2-9 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dorothy Irene Amos**, 93, died Saturday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-7

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Deaths/Funerals

D. Wayne Davis

GARRETT — D. Wayne "Steve" Davis, 87, died Saturday at 4:30 a.m. in Ormond Memorial Hospital at Ormond Beach, Fla., after a one-week stay. He had been in declining health for a year.

Mr. Davis spent his winters in Florida and summers in Indiana, where he resided on Warfield Street in Garrett. He was a retired electrician and a member of the Eagles and Moose lodges.

He was the son of Fred Davis and Grace (Hathaway) Davis, both deceased. He married Mardelle Headley in 1937. She died in 1978.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie Davis of Avilla and Jeannine Warstler of Garrett; two brothers, Fred Davis of Yulee, Fla. and Charles Davis of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters, Winnifred Blossom and Delores Senn, both of Orlando, Fla., and Inez Manfroni of Willoughby, Ohio; one grandchild, Janell Yoder; two great-grandchildren, Kylee and Corbin Yoder; and his companion of 15 years, Hazel Myers of Crescent City, Fla.

There will be no calling or funeral services. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Georgianna Brown

GARRETT — Georgianna Brown died Monday at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Jack Van Auken

PLEASANT LAKE — Jack Paul Van Auken, 60, of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Van Auken was the owner of Van Auken Farms, Pleasant Lake.

He was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday school teacher and served on the board of the Pastor-Parish Committee.

He was chairman of the Pigeon River Conservancy District; a member of the Steuben County Co-op board; the 4-H started calf superintendent; past president of the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board; past board member of the Steuben County Extension Service; a recipient of the Steuben County Friend of 4-H award; a recipient of the Indiana Friend of Extension award; and a member of the Ag Advisory Committee.

He was born Jan. 6, 1939, in Pleasant Lake to the late Basil and Zoa (Freed) Van Auken.

On Nov. 26, 1961, he married Nathalie (Chiddister) Van Auken, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott of Pleasant Lake and Tim of Reading, Mich.; two daughters, Linda Bidlack of Pleasant Lake and April Ridenour of Angola; a brother, Tom Van Auken of Sylvania, Ohio; a sister, Darlene Woodrich of Frazee, Minn.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-3 and 7-9 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church or the Jack Van Auken Scholarship Fund.

Evening Star, Tues, Jan. 26, 1999 (cont'd)

Mary Wolfe

ASHLEY — Mary A. Wolfe, 91, died at 1:05 p.m., in Oakwood Nursing Home in New Castle.

She was born in Bixley on Oct. 31, 1907, to the Rev. George F. and Cora (Dilley) Osbun. On June 7, 1936, in Maxwell, she married John E. Wolfe. He survives.

Mrs. Wolfe had lived in Ashley since 1936, moving to New Castle in March 1998. She was a graduate of Westfield High School, Ball State University and got her master's degree in education from Indiana University. She was a school teacher in Ashley, retiring in 1972 after 30 years. She was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church and its UMW, and the Retired Teachers Association in Auburn.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Mrs. David (Jean) Dilley of Hagerstown; three grandchildren, Natalie Dilley, Troy Dilley and Suzanne Ellis; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor Dilley, Cori Dilley and Samuel Ellis.

She was preceded in death by a brother, George Osbun, in 1976, and a sister, Florence Eller, in 1984.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Ashley United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Kent Dale officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Ashley United Methodist Church, or Spectra Home Healthcare in Auburn.

Larry Farley

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Larry Farley, 49, died Monday at 2:55 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Friday. He had been in failing health since May.

Mr. Farley was a construction worker and a Vietnam veteran. He lived in Hicksville and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Dec. 16, 1949, in Big Springs, Ky., to the late James "Tib" and Mintie (Hicks) Farley.

He married Norma Rosebrock in Virginia on May 25, 1976, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Laura Schambers of Newville and Sarah Farley of Garrett; four brothers, Harold, James, Tommy and Jackie, all in Kentucky; eight sisters, Dorothy Spurlock of Arkansas, Carol Orick of Edgerton, Ohio, Sylvia Patton of Kentucky, Mavis Hicks of Corunna, Alice Triplet of Willard, Ohio, Lillie Slone of Kentucky, Billie Jack of Angola and Christine Hutchinson of Montpelier, Ohio; and two grandsons.

Two brothers, Ferrel and Elmer, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday after 2 p.m. and Friday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Nyal Brooks

ASHLEY — Nyal A. Brooks, 86, of Ashley, died at 7:05 p.m. Sunday in his home.

He was born in Pleasant Lake, Dec. 15, 1912, to Hugh and Ruby (Hoffman) Brooks. On Dec. 25, 1948, in Newport, Ky., he married Almeda McCormick. She survives.

Mr. Brooks moved to Ashley from Jimmerson Lake four years ago. He was a retired farmer and retired from Campbell Mushroom Farm. He was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Jack C. Brooks of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Evelyn Hicks of McHenry, Ill.; and three grandchildren, Steven Brooks, Dana Burns and Morgan Brooks.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will follow.

Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Beverly Nine**, 62, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

COLLINS — **Pauline F. Blanchard**, 100, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

CROMWELL — **Nelson J. Earnhart**, 71, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Wayne Hill

WATERLOO — Wayne Howard Hill, 72, died Tuesday at 11:25 p.m. in his home on North Wayne Street.

Mr. Hill was a shipping clerk for Cooper in Auburn for 27 years, retiring in 1989. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He was born March 13, 1926, in Helmer to the late Howard and Cora (Albright) Hill.

He married Naomi Sechler on March 26, 1945, in South Milford, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles of Auburn and David (and wife, Beverly) of Sarasota, Fla.; three daughters Judy (and husband, Jim) Hanna of Angola, Ruth (and husband, Mike) Steury of Auburn, and Marcia (and husband, Mark) Gerig, also of Auburn; nine grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Paul Jablonski

ANGOLA — Paul L. Jablonski, 83, of Angola, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jablonski retired in 1983 from Union Carbide Corp. in Chicago, where he worked as an electrical engineer. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was born May 22, 1915, in Chicago to the late Casimer and Aniela (Guzik) Jablonski.

On Sept. 26, 1942, he married his wife, Ethel Jablonski, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sally Brejla of Montgomery, Mich., and Judith Harasim (and husband, Larry) of Angola; a son, Robert Jablonski of Burnsville, Minn.; a brother, Edward Jablonski of San Pedro, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Mary Wolfe

ASHLEY — Memorial contributions for Mary Wolfe may be given to the Ashley United Methodist Church or DeKalb Home Health Care.

Tuesday's obituary incorrectly listed the home health care agency's former name.

Robert Coleman

LAGRANGE — Robert H. Coleman, 82, died at 9:25 a.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. He had been ill 1 1/2 years.

He was born in New Castle July 13, 1916, to Guy and Ilene (Abrams) Coleman. On July 29, 1950, in Muncie, he married Mary Helen Jones. She survives.

Mr. Coleman was raised in Honey Creek Orphanage. He retired in 1972 from Delco-Remy in Muncie and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Judy Harvey of Parker City, Cheri High of Middletown, and Neallyce "Kay" Stoudinger of Hudson; a son, John Paul Coleman of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Mary Rhinehart of Gunnersville, Ala.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie.

Visitation is after 3 p.m. Thursday in the church.

Ross Lacey

PLEASANT LAKE — Ross W. Lacey, 82, of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Lacey was a self-employed farmer and painter. He was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, a past president of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club with 46 years of perfect attendance, and president of the Pleasant Lake Conservation Club.

He enjoyed traveling, fishing, camping, mushrooming, grapefruit and orange sales, community service and the Lions Club.

He was born July 12, 1916, in Steuben County to the late Don and Ruth (Yockey) Lacey.

On April 12, 1936, he married Glendora (Chamberlin) Lacey, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Phil (Sharon) Meyer of Bowling Green, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Tony Meyer, Chris Meyer and Pam Metcalf.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Lacey, in 1947.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be be made to the Pleasant Lake Lions Club or the Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mildred F. Konger**, 93, died Tuesday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Saturday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Calling 3-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

CHURUBUSCO — **Everett Ray Lincoln**, 88, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco. Calling 3-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services Friday at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Ina F. Livingston**, 94, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

Phyllis D. Plattner Heeter

LaOtto — 1917-1999

Phyllis D. Plattner Heeter, 81, of LaOtto, a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, at Parkview Hospital.

The Whitley County native was a retired teacher at East Allen County Schools. She taught at Village Woods Junior High for 16 years. She was a member of National Education Association, NRTA, Indiana Retired Teachers, Fort Wayne Retired Teachers and the Allen County Genealogical Society.

Surviving are her husband, Merrill; sons Terrance E. Heeter of Kenosha, Wis., Gregory A. Heeter of LaOtto and Ricky D. Heeter of Bloomington; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. Memorials are to Arthritis Foundation.

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Catherine M. Schenkel

Fort Wayne — 1970-1999

Catherine M. Schenkel, 29, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 1999, in Fort Wayne.

She loved her family and friends. She was a very caring and loving mother.

The Fairfax, Va., native was an employee at Saylor's Pizza. She enjoyed bowling, fishing and being a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Joshua D. of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Raymond and Susan Schenkel of Fort Wayne; her mother, Shirley Stallone of Fort Wayne; her fiancee, David Gaunt of Fort Wayne; brothers James Garmon and James Schenkel, both of Fort Wayne, and Russell Schenkel of Garrett; sisters Tina Boreani, Jennifer Wilson, Heather Serres and Cassie Williams, all of Fort Wayne; grandparents George and Joanna Serres of Fort Wayne and Bernard and Dorothy Schenkel of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandmother, Ethel Loop of Fort Wayne.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday. Services are also at 10 a.m. Monday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

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John R. "Bob" Capin

Fort Wayne — 1923-1999

John R. "Bob" Capin, 75, of Fort Wayne, a cabinet maker, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at Parkview Hospital.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1984 from Waynedale Lumber, was past master of Waynedale Masonic Lodge, a member of American Legion Post 241 and past guardian Waynedale Job's Daughters.

His hobbies were ham radio, golfing and fishing. Surviving are a daughter, Dr. Patricia A. Sellers of Fort Wayne; a son, John R. of Yorktown, Va.; a brother, Richard W. of Garrett; and four grandchildren. His wife, Margaret A., preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Mildred Konger

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LaOtto — 1905-1999

Mildred Konger, 93, of LaOtto, a rural Albion native, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, at home.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege and its Rosary Society. Surviving are sons Paul and John, both of Albion; daughters Rosalie Houser and Patricia Bauman, both of Fort Wayne, and Kathleen Bonar of Churubusco; 22 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Clarence B., two sisters and four brothers preceded her in death. Mass of Christian burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday with an 8 p.m. rosary service at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County. Memorials are to Masses or Parkview Home Health & Hospice in Columbia City.

Russell Hippenhammer

Jan '99

Avilla — 1905-1999

Russell Hippenhammer, 93, of Avilla, a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, died Monday, Jan. 18, 1999, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Allen County native worked for B&O Railroad for 43 years. He was an avid Avilla baseball fan.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn, of Ashley; daughters Marilyn Brown of Fort Wayne, and Janet Meyer of Port Charlotte, Fla.; sons Russell of Ligonier, and Richard of Avilla; brothers Rolland of Wolcottville, and Robert of Glendale, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph and Raymond; and sisters Erma Wilson and Oma Stahl.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling is one hour before services at the church and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Carl F. Wilcox

Jan. 21, '99

Kendallville — 1932-1999

Carl F. Wilcox, 66, of Kendallville, a member of Harvest Community Church, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at McCray Memorial Hospital.

The Croton, Ohio, native was a salesman for Holsum Bakery. He was a Korean War Army veteran. Surviving are his wife, Sharon; sons Michael of Findlay, Ohio, and Phillip of LaOtto; daughters Catherine Croy and Debra Miller, both of Kendallville; a brother, Luke of Defiance, Ohio; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be held at a later date.

Richard C. Martin

Jan 21 '99

Avilla — 1908-1999

Richard C. Martin, 90, of Avilla, an area farmer, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, in Fort Wayne.

The Pennville native was a member of Noble County Farm Bureau and was a World War II veteran. Surviving are sons Kenneth of LaOtto, Phillip of Leo-Cedarville and Thomas of Huntertown; a brother, William of Roanoke; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

Information provided by Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, 693-2290.

Virgil E. McCarty

Jan 21 '99

Avilla — 1921-1999

Virgil E. McCarty, 77, of Avilla, a retired farmer, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was a native of Michigan. Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; daughters Shirley McKinley, Luanne Kammerer and Brenda Ulch, all of Kendallville, and Sally McCarty of Avilla; sisters Verna Mairle of Goshen, Marie Logan and Donna Holibuik, both of Deerfield, Mich., and Joyce Forsythe of Tecumseh, Mich.; brothers Roland of Fort Myers, Fla., Alvin of Battle Creek, Mich., and Max and Bruce, both of Deerfield, Mich.; and nine grandchildren. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Marion E. Rogers

Jan 21 '99

Kendallville — 1927-1999

Marion E. Rogers, 71, of Kendallville, a retired production manager, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

The Avilla native had worked at Lane Foundry, was a member of First Christian Church where he served as deacon for many years, F & AM Avilla Lodge and Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, both of Fort Wayne. Surviving are his wife, Norma J.; daughters Diana Lawrence of Kendallville and Candice Smith of LaGrange; brothers Jim and John Bolton, both of Big Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Evelyn Neal of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville. Memorials are to the church's building fund or Sacred Heart Home Alzheimer's Unit.

Deaths/Funerals

Georgianna Brown

GARRETT — Georgianna Brown, 82, died Monday at 6:10 p.m. in St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Brown was a registered nurse and a 1941 graduate of the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing. She lived on East King Street in Garrett and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garrett, Gideons, and DeKalb County Nurses Study Club.

She was born Aug. 26, 1916, in Kendallville to the late George and Daisy (Stoner) Griswold.

She married Paul C. Brown on Oct. 12, 1941, in Garrett, and he died May 19, 1982.

Surviving her are one daughter, Paula Wheeler of Indianapolis; two sons, Norman of Alpharetta, Ga., and Stanley of Casselberry, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Joan McCandless of Kent, Ohio, and Jean Gatton of Kendallville; and three grandchildren.

One sister, Helen Bartels, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Garrett, with calling after noon. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Leta Schortgen

WALKERTON — Leta Schortgen, 63, died Tuesday evening in Walkerton.

She was retired from her work as a waitress and bank teller. She was a lifelong resident of Walkerton and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Koontz Lake.

She was born Sept. 26, 1935.

She married Fred Schortgen, formerly of Butler, in September 1984, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother; one daughter, Karen; one brother and four grandchildren.

One son preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. in Randall Funeral Home, Koontz Lake.

Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Burial will take place in Tyner Cemetery, Walkerton.

Lola Walter

HAMILTON — Lola I. Walter, 79, died Tuesday at 6:25 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Walter retired in 1975 as an administrator of employee benefits at Warner Gear, Auburn, with 31 years of service. She was a former secretary for two DeKalb County Extension agents, and worked in civil service at Casade Depot in New Haven.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Auburn, where she was a former secretary and member of the church board. She was a member of Auburn Order of the Eastern Star 103, and a member and past president of the Auburn Business and Professional Women.

She was born Dec. 18, 1919, in Wilmington Township to the late George and Lenora (Sherer) Koeppe.

She married Ford Walter on Sept. 18, 1937, in the St. Joe Church of Christ, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Anna Mae Carper of Hamilton; one brother, Kenneth Koeppe of Auburn; one sister, Pauline Doub of Butler; and one granddaughter, Beth Brown of Fort Wayne.

One brother, Earl Koeppe, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in First Christian Church, Auburn. The Rev. David Payne, pastor of the Hamilton Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Christian Church.
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Gene Springer

ANGOLA — Gene Richard Springer, 74, of Angola, died Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. in Presbyterian Hospital, Albuquerque, N.M., after a brief illness.

Mr. Springer, formerly of Van Wert, Ohio, formerly worked at Ohio Power Co., Van Wert, and ITT in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1986 after 17 years as an electrical engineer with Magnavox in Knoxville, Tenn. Most recently, he worked part-time for Springer Engineering, Van Wert.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a graduate of Purdue University and a member of Calvary Evangelical Church, Van Wert.

He was born March 16, 1924, in Celina, Ohio, to the late Derazzie D. and Magdalena (Bauer) Springer.

On May 5, 1949, he married Betty P. Ditto. She preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen (and wife, Robin) of Convoy, Ohio, and David (and wife, Debra) of Van Wert; a daughter, Jean Miller (and husband, Gordon) of Belmont, N.C.; two brothers, Dale Springer of Van Wert and Max Springer of Belen, N.M.; his stepmother, Ruth (Bates) Springer of Tucson, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Raymond Feeck officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

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Kenneth Grisham

PENDLETON — Kenneth D. Grisham, 76, died Tuesday at Regency Place.

Mr. Grisham worked as a press operator for Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1987. He also was employed in sales for Jewel Tea of Indianapolis. He was an avid fisherman. He graduated from Tech High School in 1934.

He was born April 29, 1922, in Paris, Ill., to Cordy and Bethel Grisham. His parents, one brother and one sister prceed him in death.

He is surved by a sson, Dennis Dale Grisham of Cumberland; a daughter, Cheryl Ann Lowder of Greenfield; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four nieces.

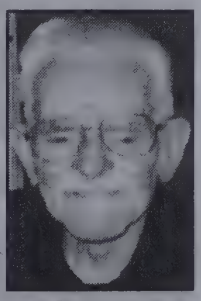
Friends may call today from 3-9 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary in Greenfield.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in Erlewein Mortuary. The Rev. Paul C. Enyart will officiate. Burial will be in Gravel Lawn Cemetery, Fortville.

Memorial donations may be made to Maple Street Alzheimer's Unit at Regency Place.

Robert Coleman

LAGRANGE — Robert H. Coleman, 82, died at 9:25 a.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. He had been ill 1 1/2 years.



Coleman

He was born in New Castle July 13, 1916, to Guy and Ilene (Abrams) Coleman. On July 29, 1950, in Muncie, he married Mary Helen Jones. She survives.

Mr. Coleman was raised in Honey Creek Orphanage. He retired in 1972 from Delco-Remy in Muncie and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Judy Harvey of Parker City, Cheri High of Middletown, and Neallyce "Kay" Staudinger of Hudson; a son, Jon Paul Coleman of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Mary Rhinehart of Gunnersville, Ala.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie.

Visitation is after 3 p.m. today in the church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Arla Kain

ORLAND — Arla Rae Kain, 77, of Orland, died Wednesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Kain was born April 22, 1921, in Orland to the late Elmer and Edna (Cook) Houtz.

Surviving are five sons, Robert Berry of Savannah, Ga., Thomas Kain (and wife, Nancy) of Orland, Gary Kain (and wife, Pat) of Orland, Ronald Kain (and wife, Carolyn) of Hong Kong, and Michael Kain (and wife, Paula) of Vacaville, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen, in 1986, and two sisters, Grace Penix and Doris Starrett.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Carl Lott officiating. Burial ~~will be in Greenlawn Cemetery~~, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Beaulah Snyder

AUBURN — Beaulah I. Snyder, 89, of Auburn, died Wednesday at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Snyder was co-owner for 35 years of the Snyder Slaughter House and the Mast Market, both in Angola.

She was born Oct. 27, 1909, in Flint to the late Jud and Pearl (Arnold) Lounsbury.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herschel Snyder, on Aug. 21, 1973; three sisters, Fern Shank in 1952, her twin, Eula Showalter in 1963, and Vera Miller in 1996.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Dean Behrendsen

NEW HAVEN — Dean W. Behrendsen, 75, died Thursday at his daughter's home in Waterloo.

Mr. Behrendsen retired in 1983 after 38 years as a general foreman for Norfolk & Southern Railroad. He lived in Sebring, Fla., and had lived in New Haven before his retirement.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S.Air Force, a member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church, rural Waterloo, and a life member of Disabled American Veterans Post 40, Fort Wayne, and Howard Bandelier Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2457, New Haven.

He was born May 28, 1923, in Clyde, Ohio.

Surviving him are his wife, Mary H. of Waterloo; two daughters, Sheree A. Behrendsen of Waterloo and Mary Sue Snyder of Petersburg, Mich.; one sister, Rita Lawrence of Fremont, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven.

His funeral will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, Monroeville, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Velma Mabee

AUBURN — Velma M. Mabee, 75, died Thursday at 7:49 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Auburn.

She was born in Auburn on March 28, 1923, to Ora S. and Pearl (Jackson) Peckhart.

She is survived by one son, Wayne B. Delong Jr. (and wife, Kathleen) of Bryan, Ohio; one sister, Vivian M. Shepherd of Kendallville; one brother, Ronald W. Peckhart of Corunna; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Norman Peckhart, and two sisters, Virginia and Valisca Peckhart.

There will be no calling or funeral services. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Arrangements were made by McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Charles Fraze

ALBION — Charles C. Fraze, 90, a prominent Noble County attorney, died at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday in Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 5, 1908, in Geneva, to Samuel and Viola (Williamson) Fraze. On April 6, 1936, in Kendallville, he married Helen Niedhart. She preceded him in death April 1, 1988.

Mr. Fraze had lived most of his life in Albion and Noble County. He was an attorney and had been Albion Town attorney, Albion school board attorney and Asbury United Methodist Church attorney. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Fraze served as a lieutenant colonel at the 8th Army headquarters and helped plan the invasion of Japan. He was present at the signing of the unconditional surrender of Japan, ending the war in the Pacific.

He was past commander of Albion American Legion Post 246 and a past district commander. He was a member of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, a 50-year member of Albion Lodge 98 F&AM, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a members of the Mizpah Shrine. He also was a member of the Albion Rotary Club and Kendallville Elks Lodge. He was a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Fraze and his wife traveled extensively including several trips to Japan and hosted many Japanese visitors in their Albion home.

Surviving are a daughter, Julia A. Ketcham of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Michael and Joanne Fraze of Dana Point, Calif.; a brother, Darius "Nick" Fraze of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Michael Ketcham, Cynthia McGarvey, Sarah Fraze and Amy Fraze.

Memorial and Masonic services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Andy Miller officiating. Military graveside rites will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is one hour before services.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Sister M. Edwardine Ley**, 76, died Wednesday. Wake service at 1 p.m. Sunday and funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Sunday in Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel, Avilla, with calling there from 1-2 p.m. Sunday.

AVILLA — **Mary Ellen Patterson**, 79, died Thursday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. Calling 4-8 p.m. Sunday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Doris Gravitt**, 75, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Saturday and 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

LIGONIER — **George L. Garvin**, 91, died Thursday. Masonic services at 8 p.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

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Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Lela Nadine Riedel**, 90, died Thursday. Funeral services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Topeka Mennonite Church, where calling will be 3-8 p.m. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery of Topeka. Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier.

KENDALLVILLE — **Robert J. Bauman**, 79, of Wolcottville, died Thursday. Viewing will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Gasper Del Bufalo Catholic Church, 10871 N. State Road 9, Rome City. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Peters Catholic Church, 518 E. DeWald St., Fort Wayne, with viewing in the church one hour before services. Friends may call Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

MONGO — **Allan B. Garlets**, 66, died Thursday in Fort Wayne. The funeral service will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange. Visitation will be at the funeral home Sunday from 2-6 p.m. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

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Deaths/Funerals

Betty Bell

FREMONT — Betty V. Bell, 55, of Fremont, died Saturday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Ms. Bell, a homemaker, was an avid bingo player.

She was born Jan. 7, 1944, in Detroit to Clair C. and Dora (Lothrop) Bell. Her mother survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters, Wendy Harvey (and husband, James) of New Hudson, Mich., and Peggy Wilkinson (and husband, Scott) of Fremont; five grandchildren, Shyann, Jason, Jessica, Joshua and Justin; three brothers, Ronnie Bell of Detroit, Raymon Bell of Fremont and Robin Bell (and wife, Liz) of Hazel Park, Mich.; two sisters, Bonnie Proctor (and husband, John) of Fremont, and Brenda Perkett (and husband, Gary) of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Graveside services will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday int Amboy Cemetery, Metamora, Ohio. There will be no calling.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Maurice Tuttle 2/1/99

ANGOLA — Maurice D. Tuttle, 70, died Sunday at 3:35 a.m. in Carlin Park Health Care in Angola, where he had resided since Dec. 7.

He worked at International Harvester, Fort Wayne, for over 34 years, retiring in 1982. He lived in Hicksville, Ohio, before moving to Crooked Lake, near Angola, in 1975. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952, stationed in Korea and Japan. He attended Hicksville High School with the class of 1948.

Mr. Tuttle was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Hicksville post of the American Legion, and an officer and director of the Crooked Lake Association. He was a past member of the Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church.

He was born April 29, 1928, in Hicksville to the late H. Hauver and Vera (Callender) Tuttle.

He married Janice Gerig on June 13, 1954, in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving one daughter, Robin Walton of Reston, Va.; one sister, Carlotta Atkisson of Vienna, Va., and a twin sister, Maurine Gerig of Hicksville; and three grandchildren, Carly, Cody and Kiah.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Martha Corcoran, and one brother, Robert.

Friends may call Tuesday after 2 p.m. and Wednesday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. James Butler of the Angola United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville, with a military graveside service by the Hicksville post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church, Alzheimer's Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Byron Campbell Jr.

BUTLER — Byron J. Campbell Jr., 79, died Friday at 11:45 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a retired Franklin Township farmer and lived on County Road 12, Butler. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1941 to 1945 with the 38th Cyclone Division, 152nd Infantry Regiment, Company I in New Guinea and the Phillipine Islands. He received the Bronze Star with an oak leaf cluster.

Mr. Campbell was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1939 to 1940, serving at Pokagon State Park. He graduated from Butler High School in 1938.

He was born Aug. 13, 1919, in Troy Township to the late Byron J. Campbell Sr. and Mary Gertrude (Everetts) Campbell.

He married Lillian Marconnet on Jan. 7, 1951, in Winona, Ill., and she died Dec. 25, 1973.

Surviving him are one son, Lauren Curtis Campbell of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and two sisters. Evelyn Camp of Butler and Doris Guinnup of Newark, Del.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will take place in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton, with a military graveside service by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Pauline Leaman

ALBION — Pauline E. Leaman, 56, of Albion, died Sunday at 12:22 a.m. at her residence. She had been in failing health six months.

She was born to Paul and Lucille (Sherman) Fulk on Oct. 18, 1942, in Kendallville. They are both deceased. She married William R. Leaman on Sept. 25, 1998, in Albion. He survives.

Leaman

Mrs. Leaman was assistant principal at West Noble High School before her retirement in 1998. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Lambda chapter, and Indiana Association of School Principals.

Surviving with her husband are four stepsons, Rick McClish and David McClish, both of Auburn, Jim Leaman of Morenci, Ariz., and Mike Leaman of Tempe, Ariz.; two stepdaughters, Kimberly Tavison of Morenci, Ariz., and Debbie Zasadny of Hesperia, Calif.; 13 stepgrandchildren; an aunt, Violet Robinson of Bryan, Ohio; and a cousin, Gloria Jean Paine of West Unity, Ohio.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Ligonier United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Farrer and the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Noble County Hospice or the Pauline Leaman Scholarship Fund at West Noble High School.

Joshua Guldin

HOWE — Joshua K. Guldin, 17, a junior at Lakeland High School, died in an auto accident early Sunday at 4910S - 400E, LaGrange County.

He was born Dec. 2, 1981, in LaGrange. His father and stepmother, Kent L. and Diane Guldin, survive in LaGrange. His mother, Louise (Williams) Guldin, survives in Howe.

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, Guldin was employed at Miller SuperValu, LaGrange. He was a member of the Lakeland High School varsity football team, track team and Lakeland High School FFA. He was also an eight-year member of the LaGrange County Country Clan 4-H Club .

Surviving with his parents are a brother, James I. Guldin of LaGrange; a stepsister, Michelle D. Holt of LaGrange; two stepbrothers, Brandon K. Holt and Bryan K. Holt, both of LaGrange; his grandmothers, Martha A. Guldin of LaGrange, and Mary Louise Williams of Wawaka; four uncles, Charles B. Guldin of Casa Grande, Ariz., Kay E. Guldin of Shipshewana, David E. Guldin of Adrian, Mich., and Don J. Williams of Big Bend, Wis.; and an aunt, Brenda Anderson of Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Lakeland High School Athletic Department or Lakeland Dollars for Scholars.

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Walter Hein

FREMONT — Walter D. Hein, 83, died Saturday at 5:12 p.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Hein was an electrician for 34 years for General Electric Co., Fort Wayne, retiring in 1976. He lived at Lake Pleasant for 25 years and formerly lived in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Forresters, GE 1/4 Century Club, and was a coach and referee for Catholic Youth Organization basketball. He was a former member of the Angola Moose Lodge, and was an avid fisherman.

He was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Fort Wayne to the late John G. and Edna (Shondell) Hein.

He married Esther N. James on Sept. 19, 1980, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, Thomas, Michael, Richard and Robert Hein, all of Fort Wayne, Fred and Gary Oetting, both of Fort Wayne and Richard Oetting of Fremont; one daughter, Debbie Kay Wall of Fort Wayne; one brother, William Hein of New Haven; one sister, Betty Hein of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home,with the Rev. Robert E. Fischer officiating. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

Jeanette Souder

GARRETT — Jeanette S. Souder, 80, died Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Souder was a cook at the DeKalb County Home for 10 years, retiring in 1983. She lived on West King Street in Garrett, and was a member of Indian Village Church of God and Ben Hur Lodge of Kendallville. She was a former receptionist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Aug. 8, 1918, in Orange Township, Noble County, to the late James and Pearl (Bowman) Harp.

She married Albert J. Souder on Dec. 18, 1937, in Kendallville, and he died Dec. 23, 1990.

Surviving her are one son, Jeffery of Garrett; one daughter, Kim Newcome of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; one nephew, James Harp of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas J.; two brothers, Robert and Doyle Harp; and two sisters, Madge Suboda and Florence Brandeberry.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Burrus and the Rev. Bill Lyne officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indian Village Church of God.

Frances Davis

CHURUBUSCO — Frances E. Davis, 85, died Sunday at 6:40 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Davis was a winder at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1968. She formerly lived in Churubusco.

She was born April 16, 1913, in Eel River Township, Allen County, to the late Sidney and Grace (Knight) Johnson. Her husband, Joseph H. Davis, died in 1985.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Wayne A. Davis, in 1994; one brother, Paul Johnson; and one sister, Hazel Gray.

Surviving her are two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Lloyd Mealer will officiate, with burial in Riverview Cemetery, in Eel River Township, Allen County.

Memorial contributions may be given to activities at Miller's Merry Manor.

Dorothy Timbrook

LAGRANGE — Dorothy M. Timbrook, 97, died Thursday in Life Care Center, LaGrange.

She was born Aug. 23, 1901, in Woodburn. She was a homemaker. She married LaVon A. Timbrook, who preceded her in death in 1987.

She was a member of Sherman Street Church of God, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Lou Patterson of Angola, and Rowena Dawn Bowers of Kendallville; four sons, Victor LeRoy Timbrook, Wayne Eugene Timbrook, Phillip Archie Timbrook, and David Lee Timbrook, all of Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters, Ursie Longardner of Fort Wayne, and Mary Kierspe of Largo, Fla.; 22 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Sherman Street Church of God, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery, Harlan.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Sherman Street Church of God.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Raymond Edward Campbell**, 38, died Saturday. Private family services. No calling.

HOWE — Joshua K. Guldin, 17, died Sunday in a traffic accident. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — Nina I. Rossman, 90, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mathew James Dailey**, infant son of Daniel and Rita Dailey, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons, 6301 Fairfield Ave. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Darrell E. "Pete" King**, 69, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Candice Hamlett**, 77, died Tuesday. Services were today in Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Byron Campbell Jr.

BUTLER — Byron J. Campbell Jr., 79, died Friday at 11:45 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a retired Franklin Township farmer and lived on County Road 71, Butler. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1941 to 1945 with the 38th Cyclone Division, 152nd Infantry Regiment, Company I in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. He received the Bronze Star with an oak leaf cluster.

Mr. Campbell was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1939 to 1940, serving at Pokagon State Park. He graduated from Butler High School in 1938.

He was born Aug. 13, 1919, in Troy Township to the late Byron J. Campbell Sr. and Mary Gertrude (Evertts) Campbell.

He married Lillian Marconnet on Jan. 7, 1951, in Winona, Ill., and she died Dec. 25, 1973.

Surviving him are one son, Loren Curtis Campbell of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and two sisters. Evelyn Camp of Butler and Doris Guinnup of Newark, Del.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will take place in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton, with a military graveside service by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Raymond Rensch

ANGOLA — Raymond D. Rensch, 90, died Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Rensch was a retired Wilmington Township farmer and formerly lived on County Road 24, Butler. He was a teacher in DeKalb County schools for 33 years. He was a member of Community Bible Church in Butler.

He was born Sept. 5, 1908, in Butler to the late Harley and Elva (Everetts) Rensch.

He married Naomi Putt on Sept. 2, 1932, in Angola, and she died April 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Cripe (and her husband, Florian) of Angola; two sisters, Virginia Cole of Angola and Betty McCollum (and her husband, John) of Waterloo; and four grandchildren, Fred Cripe, Lisa Donaho, Dan Cripe, and Katrina Gutknecht; and Five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Minehart officiating. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Robert Gruber

HARLAN — Robert L. Gruber, 67, died Monday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gruber was a production worker for International Harvester, retiring in 1981 after 30 years of service. He lived in Harlan.

He was born July 25, 1931, in Harlan.

Surviving him are his wife, Jackie S.; two sons, Mike and Randy, both of Harlan; one daughter, Diane K. Raber of Grabill; three brothers, Richard of Harlan, Max of Grabill and Larry of Leo; one sister, Helen Schwartz of Grabill; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Woodburn Missionary Church.

His funeral service will begin Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the church, with calling after 1:30 p.m. Burial will take place in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be given to Gideons International, Youth For Christ, or Woodburn Missionary Building Fund.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Harlan, is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Wilson

FREMONT — Doris J. Wilson, 81, of Fremont and formerly of Hamilton, died today at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Wilson, was a homemaker, a member of the Metz Christian Church and a former member of the Chatter Club of Hamilton. She was a graduate of Metz High School.

She was born July 9, 1917, in Richland Township, Steuben County, to the late Grant and Ada (Alwood) Heller.

On Dec. 31, 1936, she married Raymond Wilson, who survives at home in Fremont.

Also surviving are three daughters, Carolyn Dikty of Fort Wayne, Marilyn Baker of Phoenix, and Marlene Schaeffer of Fremont; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three infant sons, three brothers and a sister.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in Edon Union Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to Metz Christian Church.

Evening Star, Wed., Feb. 3, 1999 (cont'd)

Norita Trout

NEW HAVEN — Norita Marie Harding Trout, 54, died Monday at 10 a.m. in Harborside Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

She was a former clerk at the Knights Inn East, Fort Wayne, and lived on Lincoln Highway East in New Haven. She was a member of the Rockabillies Squares, a Western square dance club.

Mrs. Trout was Aug. 26, 1944, in Fort Wayne to the late Frank and Esther M. (Shaw) Brown.

Her first husband, Anthony Stephen Harding Sr., died in 1981. She married Neal Trout on Sept. 22, 1990, in Huntington and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Anthony Stephen Harding Jr. and Nick Alan Harding, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Charles Shaw of Fort Wayne; and one granddaughter, Destiny Marie Harding.

One sister, Virginia B. Crouch, and one nephew, David A. Crouch, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will begin Saturday at 11 a.m. in the church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Virginia F. Schlotterback**, 77, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mildred J. "Millie" Trowbridge**, 93, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. No calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Harold Link

AUBURN — Harold E. Link, 91, died Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Link retired from the Auburn Rubber Co. with 38 years of service. He later worked in maintenance for the DeKalb Central United School District. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

He was born July 4, 1907, in Auburn to the late Perry and Callie (Carper) Link.

He married Viva Pippenger, who died Oct. 22, 1969.

Surviving him are two sons, Garland of Waterloo and Everette of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Floyd of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

One sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rick Garmon of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Max Seely

ANGOLA - Max J. Seely, 76, of Angola, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Seely was a maintenance superintendent for the Chrysler Corp. and a U.S. Army and Air Force veteran of World War II. He attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

He was born Oct. 29, 1922 in Algansee Township, Branch County, Mich. to the late Joseph and Pearl (Boyd) Seely.

On Sept. 21, 1946 he married Genevieve Eagle. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, David of Melvindale, Mich., and Dale of Jimtown; a sister, Frances Catobius of Coldwater, Mich.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Waterbury, and a sister, Louise Brown.

Friends may call at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

A funeral service will be conducted at Fairview Missionary Church Saturday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Norman Fuller and Pastor Ray Miller officiating.

Burial will be in Fisher Hills Cemetery in Branch County, Mich. Memorial gifts may be given to the church.

Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 4, 1999 (cont'd)

Deaths/Funerals

Evelyn Dressler

AVILLA — Evelyn M. Dressler, 89, died at 10:50 p.m. Tuesday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Dressler was born Jan. 13, 1910, in Green Township of Noble County to Todd and Zelma (Bowen) Weeks. On Jan. 30, 1932, in Avilla, she married Elmer Dressler, who preceded her in death on July 2, 1994.

She was a homemaker and was a lifetime resident of Noble and Steuben counties.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, and its Ladies Aide Society and was co-op chairman.

Surviving are one son, Maynard Dressler of New Haven; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Madaline Todd of Albion and Mary Grama of San Bernadino, Calif.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dan Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is one hour prior to the services Friday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is in charge of arrangements.

Blanche Everett

PLEASANT LAKE — Blanche "Allene" Everett, 76, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday at 7:10 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Everett was a homemaker and seamstress. She was a charter member of the Pleasant Lake Fireman's Auxiliary and a member of the International Firefighters Motorcycle club.

She was born Sept. 26, 1922, in McFadden, Ark., to the late John and Minnie (Newsom) McFadden.

On Aug. 23, 1941, in McFadden, Ark., she married Benson Everett, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Douglas (Phyllis) Horn of Clinton, Iowa, and Mrs. James (Connie) Reas of Pleasant Lake; a son, Carl Edward "Ed" Everett (and wife, Linda) of Fremont; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, two sisters and three brothers.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pleasant Lake Fire Department or Cameron Hospice.

Wayne Rennecker

GRABILL — Wayne Rennecker, 72, died Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rennecker was a self-employed painting contractor, retiring in 1989. He was a World War II and Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of American Legion Post 409, Leo.

He was born May 3, 1926, in Auburn to the late Herman L. and Donna L. (Strahm) Rennecker.

Surviving are his wife, Donna L.; two sons, David W. and Dale A., both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Lynn K. Coulter of Grabill; one sister, Valeria Barnhart of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will begin Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Rick Zehr officiating. Burial will take place in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

Richard Rensberger

KENDALLVILLE — Richard R. Rensberger, 81, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly at 8:47 p.m. Thursday in his home.

He was born in Kendallville Sept. 30, 1917, to Russell J. and Bessie (Shelt) Rensberger. On May 13, 1966, in Kendallville, he married Cynthia Nowels. She survives.

Mr. Rensberger had been in data processing at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville for 35 years and at Levin & Sons in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1988. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, F&AM 276, Elks Lodge 1194 and Noble Chapter 122 Order of the Eastern Star, all in Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Jan) Noll of Angola; four sons, Chris Rensberger of Raleigh, N.C., Mark Rensberger of Kendallville, Terry Furlow of Rome City, and Gary Furlow of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Elaine M. Parquet**, 88, died Wednesday in Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday.

POSTVILLE, Iowa — **Don Taft**, a former Kendallville resident, died Jan. 29 in Clive, Iowa. Memorial services will be Friday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m. in the Community Presbyterian Church at Postville.

LAGRANGE — **Fay C. Donley**, 83, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. She had been a resident of Apple Valley Court, LaGrange. Funeral arrangements are pending at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

CHURUBUSCO — **Lona Jane Traughber**, 61, former owner of the Eagle's Nest Restaurant in Churubusco, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Faith Lutheran Church. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and in the church one hour before services Saturday.

HUNTINGTON — **Robert Arthur Stricker**, 93, father of an Albion resident, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Myers Funeral Home, Huntington, and an hour before services Saturday in the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Anna M. Borden**, 94, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Evening Star, Fri, Feb. 5, 1999 (cont'd)

Iola Dailey

ANGOLA — Iola M. Dailey, 79, of Angola, died at 12:50 p.m. Thursday in her residence.

She was born in LaGrange County Dec. 18, 1919, to James and Nina (Gaskill) Coney. On March 8, 1949, in Angola, she married Robert Dailey. He survives.

Mrs. Dailey, a resident of this area for 45 years, was a graduate of Salem Center High School. She had formerly worked for J.C. Penney and W.R. Thomas, both in Angola, the Prairie Heights School Corp. in LaGrange County, and Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich. She was a member of the Extension Homemakers' Club in Angola, Salem Center Presbyterian Church of which she was a member of the Ladies Aid and past treasurer. She had also served as a 4-H leader.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Donna Christoffel of Angola, Paula June Ritchie of Kendallville, and Sally Light of LaGrange; a son, Terry Dailey of Angola; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, rural LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care or to Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Gerri L. Brown**, 18, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

LAGRANGE — **Fay C. Donley**, 83, died Wednesday at 6 p.m. Graveside memorial services will be April 12 at 11 a.m. in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary DeMaris Firestone Feit**, 86, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Ormas Baptist Church, Columbia City. Calling 3-6 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Monday.

Deaths/Funerals

Lucile Guthrie

FORT WAYNE — Lucile Mae Guthrie, 86, died Thursdsay at Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Guthrie was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

She was born near Harlan. She and her husband, Robert, had lived near LaOtto and later at Crooked Lake in Angola. He preceded her in death in 1971.

Mrs. Guthrie is survived by a son, Thomas of Fort Wayne, and his wife, Judy; two granddaughters, Jody Weber of Springboro, Ohio, and Michelle Guthrie of Indianapolis; and one great-grandchild, Michael Thomas Weber.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and an hour before Monday's service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Carl Howiler

GARRETT — Carl K. Howiler, 79, of Garrett, died Friday at 7:45 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Letha Stump

AUBURN —Letha "Sue" Stump, 84, of Auburn, died Friday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Isenbarger

GARRETT — Robert Thomas Isenbarger, 78, died Saturday at 12:03 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1985 as manager of the DeKalb County Advertiser in Garrett. He had come to the Garrett area through the Cook Coffee Co. as a route salesman and was later employed with Charles Ort and Co. for 17 years.

Isenbarger

Mr. Isenbarger was very active in the community, serving for 25 years in the Garrett Boys Baseball program through coaching and as an officer. He also served as president of the Garrett Merchants Association. He was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Garrett Chamber of Commerce in 1981.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where he served as a teacher for youth and adult classes. He served in many capacities and as chairman of the Deacons, president of his Amicus Class, and on the church mission committee. He was a member of the church's XYZ group.

He was born July 22, 1920, in Fort Wayne to the late Lee and Faye Johnson Isenbarger.

He married Mary Alice Caley on March 22, 1947, in the West Creighton Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving him are a daughter and son-in-law, Roxanne and Fred Hall of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Susan Isenbarger of Two Rivers, Wis.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Kent Garman of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Sharon Isenbarger of Lakeland, Fla.; four grandchildren, Kimberly, Jonathon, Caley and Greg; and a great-grandson, Brant.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Francis, Lee and Jack; and three sisters, Mildred Krock, Nancy Herring and Dorothy Isenbarger.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with burial following in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Church of Christ Missions Committee or to the church library.

Amanda Crotts

SOUTH MILFORD — Amanda Lou Crotts, 15, of South Milford, died at 9:51 p.m. Saturday in an auto accident on State Road 327, rural Angola.

She was born in South Milford on June 23, 1983, to Cecil F. and Becky (Chamberlin) Crotts. They survive in South Milford.

Crotts

Amanda was a sophomore at Prairie Heights High School where she was a member of the yearbook staff and the Prairie Heights choir. She had been named to "Who's Who Among Young American Students" and was a member of the 4-H Club at South Milford.

Surviving with her parents are two sisters, Lori L. Crotts of Kendallville, and Angela M. Crotts of South Milford; maternal grandparents, John F. Chamberlin of South Milford, and Cleon and Retha Houck of Alexandria, Minn.; and paternal grandmother, Ruth Crotts of Mount Airy, N.C.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Lyth and the Rev. Steve Brittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Amanda Crotts Scholarship Fund at Prairie Heights High School.

Forest Bolen

FREMONT — Forest Gene Bolen, 60, of Fremont, died Friday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolen was a quality controller for American Rollform Manufacturing in Angola, An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion.

He was born June 25, 1938, in Louisville, Ky., to Patsy (Gibson) Bolen and the late Otis Bolen. His mother survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons, Christopher Bolen of Kent, Ohio, and Forest Gene Bolen Jr., of Hamilton; four daughters, Michelle Fisher of Brimfield, Ohio, Tracy Grabill (and husband, Dave) of Angola, Sherri Childree (and husband, Joseph) of Woodbury, Ga., and Amanda Bolen of Kendallville; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Mindy (Mrs. Richard) Foster and Nadene (Mrs. Jerry) Davis, both of Auburn, and Margie (Mrs. Steve) Stockert of Butler; and six brothers, Buford Patton Jr., and his wife, Brenda, Noah Patton and his wife, Karen, and Johnny Patton, all of Auburn, Lewis Patton and John Patton and his wife, Angela, all of Butler, and Steven Patton of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, with Pastor Bill Graaffma officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be given to the family.

Michael Garner

AUBURN — Michael Garner, 43, died Friday.

He lived in Auburn and was a native of LaPorte.

There are no surviviors.

There will be no calling hours or services. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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Dennis Moser

ANGOLA — Dennis "Duke" Moser, 86, of Angola, died Sunday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Moser formerly owned the Heidelberg Cafe in Angola and drove a truck for Angola Distributors. He was also a farmer and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

He was born April 25, 1912, in Defiance County, Ohio, to the late George and Anna (Steffel) Moser.

On Sept. 8, 1945, he married Grace (Breidenbaugh) Moser, who preceded him in death on Feb. 20, 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Philip Moser of Hamilton and Douglas Moser of Auburn, and three granddaughters.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Roger Moser in 1969 and Richard Moser in 1998; five brothers, Clement, Raphel, Clarence, Maurice and Victor Moser; and four sisters, Blanche Moser, Rose Dooley, Eleanor Litchenberg Duffy and Veronna McDowell.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A prayer service will be conducted at 7 p.m.

His funeral service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Anthony Catholic Church, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio, with a graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Patsy Smith

HAMILTON — Patsy "Pat" Smith, 68, of Hamilton Lake, died Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Debra Benyi, in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for the past two months.

A 1948 graduate of Hicksville (Ohio) High School, Mrs. Smith retired from Key Plastics in Hamilton in 1994. She was a member of West Milford Church of Christ at Hicksville.

She was born July 30, 1930, in Garrett to Donald and Inza (Carver) Schooley.

On Aug. 12, 1950, in Fort Wayne, she married Jay Smith, who survives.

Surviving along with her husband are two daughters, Debra Benyi and Kathy Spiller, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ra Schooley, of Miami; one sister, Shirley Freeman, of Bokeelia, Fla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ina Jean Pierce of Hicksville.

Friends may call at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville after 5 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. Minister Lloyd Turnbull of West Milford Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be made to West Milford Church of Christ or to the Parkview Hospice Care Program, Fort Wayne.

Letha Stump

AUBURN — Letha "Sue" Stump, 84, of Auburn, died Friday at 4:15 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Stump was a ward clerk for DeKalb Memorial Hospital for four years. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born Aug. 8, 1914. in DeKalb County to Oscar D. and Laura (Pepple) Grogg, who preceded her in death.

She married Harold Stump in Auburn on May 5, 1968. Mr. Stump, who served as judge of DeKalb Circuit Court, preceded her in death June 11, 1993.

She is survived by one son, Delano Troyer of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Dianna Hudson of Boerne, Texas, and Carolyn Olson of Catlett, Va.; one brother, Dale "Sam" Grogg of Auburn; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister, in addition to her parents and husband.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Paul Black

ANGOLA — Paul O. Black, 73, of Angola, died Friday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Black served with the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Korean War. He worked as an inspector for an airline company and was a member of American Legion Post 31, Angola.

He was born Aug. 19, 1925, in Perry County, Ill., to the late Loren and Hildred (Williams) Black.

Surviving are a brother, Duane Black of California; and a friend, Sherry Bonham of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores, in 1973; and a daughter, Karen.

There will be no calling. Graveside services will be conducted at a later date at the National Cemetery in Marion. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Angola. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Judy A. Terry**, 63, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home.

LAGRANGE — **Oswin E. Henderson**, 85, died Sunday. Memorial services at a later date.

LIGONIER — **Martha J. Lindsay**, 65, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

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Carl Howiler

GARRETT — Carl K. Howiler, 79, of Garrett, died Friday at The Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Born in Barnesville, Ohio, on July 6, 1919, he was a railway mail clerk, and retired as a clerk from the Fort Wayne Post Office in 1974 after 30 years of combined service.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the European theater of operations, and was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen; one son, Terry, of Garrett; and two granddaughters, Heather, of Naperville, Ill., and Heidi, of Garrett.

At Mr. Howiler's request, private services will be conducted, with no calling.

Memorial donations may be made to the Northeastern Indiana Kidney Center or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are being made by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Virgil Long

ANGOLA — Virgil Long, 89, of Angola, died Saturday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Long was a salesman for Schlatter Hardware from 1955-73 and worked in the maintenance department at Tri-State University from 1973-78.

He served as a private first-class in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born June 21, 1909, in Hillsdale County, Mich., to the late Noah and Luella (Munk) Long.

Surviving are his wife, Adelle Long, of Angola; two daughters, Clarice Moss of Humboldt, and Myrna Stiverson of Angola; a sister, Marie Long of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted today at 11 a.m. in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice, Angola.

Margaret Thomas

AUBURN — Margaret M. Thomas, 50, died Saturday.

She was lifetime resident of the Auburn and Fort Wayne area and a native of Fort Wayne. She was manager of Pacesetter Financial Services in Auburn for 16 years, until 1992.

She was a member of the Indiana and National Cutting Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Surviving her are her husband, Jack L. of Auburn; her mother, Kathleen M. Skinner of Mission, Texas; one brother, John F. Fox of Fort Wayne; and a stepbrother, John Skinner of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Diglard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral Mass will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church.

L. Dean Butler

FORT WAYNE — L. Dean Butler, 79, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday.

He was born in Hudson Sept. 7, 1919, to Selwyn S. and Erma A. (Schaffer) Butler.

Mr. Butler was an art instructor at North Adams Community Schools for 19 years and retired in 1983. He produced sculptures in wood and bronze and he sculpted "Johnny Appleseed" at Glenbrook Mall and "Watching" at the Towne House retirement center, among many others.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah Jane of Fort Wayne; two sons, A. Eric Butler of Cameron Park, and Nathan A. Butler of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Gwendolen S. Butler of Tucson, Ariz.; and a brother, Seymour S. Butler of Trinidad, Colo.

There will be no services.

Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. Friday in the Towne House Retirement Center, 2209 St. Joe Center Road.

Funeral arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Max Weber Sr.

ALBION — Max C. Weber Sr., 72, of Albion, died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 30, 1926, in Wolf Lake to Clint and Viva (Lewis) Weber. He married Adda J. Brown in 1963 and she preceded him in death in February 1992.

Mr. Weber, a lifetime Albion and Noble County resident, was a retired tool and die maker for McIntosh of Kendallville. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Albion.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn K. Scheumann of Fort Wayne; four sons, Max Weber and David E. Weber, both of Albion, Jim Weber of Clearwater, Fla., and Martin Brown of Butler; a sister, Mary Gerver of Cosperville; a brother, Donald Weber of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Banks, and two brothers, Kenneth and Robert Weber.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. David Easterday officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Services & Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Deaths/Funerals

William Decker

AUBURN — William Thomas "Bill" Decker, 46, died Sunday.

Mr. Decker worked in production control at Tower Automotive in Auburn. He was an avid participant in golf, bowling, basketball and softball. He was born in Fort Wayne and was a lifelong area resident.

Surviving him are his wife, Mary; one son, Zachary of Auburn; one daughter, Carmyn, at home; his mother, Pauline Wilmot of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Michele Rudolph of West Virginia; two brothers, Ronald of Waterloo and Daniel of Lima, Ohio; two sisters, Betty Marie Brown of Fort Wayne and Carol Lynn Shirk of Coats, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Pearl Decker in 1959, and his stepfather, Kieth Wilmot in 1997.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, YMCA Youth Program or a charity of the donor's choice.

Theo Dennis

LAKE LINDEN, Mich. — Theo F. Dennis, 93, died Saturday.

A homemaker, she moved to Lake Linden eight years ago from Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she was a retired deacon. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Culture Club and Heimach Senior Center.

Mrs. Dennis was born in LaPorte. Her husband, Leo R., died Dec. 17, 1981.

Surviving her are one son, Martin W. of Lake Linden; one daughter, Patricia J. Willson of Winter Haven, Fla.; one brother, Wendell C. Lane of Kendallville; one sister, Eldora Linse of Fort Wayne; a half-sister, Arlene Eley of Auburn; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the deacon fund at the church.

Forest Bolen

FREMONT — Forest Gene Bolen, 60, of Fremont, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolen was a quality controller for American Rollform Manufacturing in Angola. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion.

He was born June 25, 1938, in Louisville, Ky., to Patsy (Gibson) Bolen and the late Otis Bolen. His mother survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons, Christopher Bolen of Kent, Ohio, and Forest Gene Bolen Jr., of Hamilton; four daughters, Michelle Fisher of Brimfield, Ohio, Tracy Grabill (and husband, Dave) of Angola, Sherri Childree (and husband, Joseph) of Woodbury, Ga., and Amanda Bolen of Kendallville; three sisters, Mindy (Mrs. Richard) Foster and Nadene (Mrs. Jerry) Davis, both of Auburn, and Margie (Mrs. Steve) Stockert of Butler; and six brothers, Buford Patton Jr. (and his wife, Brenda), Noah Patton (and his wife, Karen), and Johnny Patton, all of Auburn, Lewis Patton and John Patton (and his wife, Angela), all of Butler, and Steven Patton of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Services were conducted today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Bill Graaffma officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be given to the family.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Kenneth C. Pate**, 55, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LIGONIER — **Herschal L. Yoder**, 82, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Paul Black

ANGOLA — Paul O. Black, 73, of Angola, died Friday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola. The Rev. David Bowman will officiate. The service is open to the public.

Wendell Poffenbarger

FREMONT — Wendell C. Poffenbarger, 77, of Barton Lake, Fremont, died Tuesday at 8:16 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Poffenbarger was a veteran of World War II. After completing two years of technical school in Chicago, he worked and later retired as a furnace and air conditioning engineer.

He most recently served as a service officer at the Fort Wayne Veterans Administration Medical Center. He was a life member of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of Amvets Post 97, Fort Wayne, and American Legion Post 423, Orland.

He was born March 3, 1921, in Garrett to the late Frank and Mable (Sweeney) Poffenberger.

On Oct. 5, 1941, he married Leahnell Wynn. She survives at home.

Also surviving are three children, Victoria Carlson (and husband, Steven) of Fort Wayne, Gloria Schnepp (and husband, Jim) of Fort Wayne, and David Nichter (and wife, Charlene) of Auburn; a sister, Mima Siegel of Fremont; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday at in funeral home with the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in care of the family.

Erna Seehawer

ORLAND — Erna E. Seehawer, 91, of Orland, died Tuesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She had worked as a bookkeeper for an Oldsmobile dealership in Mishawaka.

She was born April 6, 1907, in Syracuse to the late August and Emma (Winkenwerder) Seehawer.

Surviving are two sisters, Meta Bushong of Syracuse and Martha Wilson of Scottdale, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Milton Seehawer; and three sisters, Ida Ernsberger, Olive Steinmetz and Margaret Seehawer.

There will be no calling. Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Phyllis M. Fuller**, 77, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

SHIPSHEWANA — **A. Hilda Haarer**, 84, died at 12:02 a.m. Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with calling there from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Walter Lung

GARRETT — Walter L. Lung, 88, died Wednesday morning in his rural Garrett home.

He was a teacher for 40 years at York Center Elementary School in Noble County and in schools in Whitley and DeKalb counties. He was owner and operator of the 205 Garden Market for 45 years.

Mr. Lung received his teaching degree from Manchester College. He was an active member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, where he was recognized last year for being a member of the church for 78 years, the longest of any current member. He was a member of Gideons International and the Indiana Association of Retired Teachers.

He was born June 23, 1910, in Benzonia, Mich., to the late Albert and Cathryn (Frisby) Lung.

He married Lucille Bradley on June 4, 1935, in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jan of Angola and Larry Ray of New Palestine, Ind.; one daughter, Marsha Laundré of Southaven, Miss.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Chester, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. John McFarland officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Gideons International or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gary D. Davis**, 49, an English teacher and eighth-grade basketball coach at Smith-Green Community Schools, Churubusco, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Jason Smith Auditorium at Churubusco High School. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the school one hour before services Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Donna Rothrock

ANGOLA — Donna L. Rothrock, 65, of Angola, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rothrock worked as a clerk at the Angola Coast to Coast hardware store.

She was born Nov. 19, 1933, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Paul and Mary (Kline) Cassell. Her mother survives and her father preceded her in death.

On June 5, 1950, she married Claude B. Rothrock, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a stepson, Lawrence Anthony Rothrock of Charlotte, N.C.; two sons, Patrick Rothrock of Angola, and Timothy Jay Rothrock of Nashville, Ind.; a brother, Jack Cassel of Van Wert; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Scott Rashley officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 S. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Wilma Slinkard

BUTLER — Wilma L. Slinkard, 70, died Thursday at 8:40 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler. She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 27, 1928, in Hazeltown, Ind., to the late Herman and Roxie (Powell) Williams.

Surviving her are one daughter, Edana Slinkard of Hammond; and one sister, Maxine Kitch of Brazil, Ind.

There will be no calling hours or services. Burial will take place in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Spencer, Ind.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Couts Sr.

ADRIAN, Mich. — Dale A. Couts Sr., 71, of Adrian died Wednesday.

Mr. Couts was born Jan. 17, 1928, in Kendallville to Ora H. and Mildred (Riley-Repine) Couts. On June 24, 1950, in Tecumseh, Mich., he married Marian Arlene Hastings, who preceded him in death on June 21, 1993.

He was a 1947 graduate of Marion High School, Marion, Ind.

He worked at several local factories and was also employed by Bill Vreeland Motor Sales. Ill health forced him to stop working in 1998. He was a member of Raisin Center Friends Church and loved music, cars and taking Sunday afternoon drives with his family.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dale Couts Jr. and Deborah Rieve-Couts; a daughter, Linda Couts of Adrian; a daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and David Brandeberry of Bryan, Ohio; four granddaughters, Jennifer Couts and Molly Couts of Adrian, and Cynthia Joseph and Ashley Brandeberry of Bryan, Ohio; two great-grandchildren; two dear family friends, Gene Cole and Bonnie Haviland, both of Adrian; a former sister-in-law, Mrs. Ernest (Donna) Mumaw of Kendallville; two nieces, Mrs. Keith (Rena) Brown of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Vern (Rhonda) Ludy of Kendallville; and a nephew and his wife, Randy and Lori Acker of Ashley.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Gene Couts, and a granddaughter, Sarah Rebekah Couts.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Braun-Everiss-Wagley Funeral Home, 1501 Maumee St., Adrian, Mich., with the Rev. Bruce C. Burch officiating. Burial will be in Lenawee Hills Memorial Park, Adrian.

Visitation is from 1 to 9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Rolf Stoehr

KENDALLVILLE — Rolf A. Stoehr, 67, died at 2:55 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Stoehr was born Aug. 13, 1931, in Munich, Germany, to Siegfried and Marie (Smolinisky) Stoehr.

He was an electrician with Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 33 years, was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 for more than 30 years, and had lived in the United States for about 50 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Heidi Dean of Brazil, Ind., and Heather Papai of Indianapolis; two stepsons, Tony Stephens of Kansas City, Mo., and Barry Stephens of Indianapolis; one sister, Christa Seifert of Cape Coral, Fla.; two brothers, Karl Stoehr of Walsrode, Germany, and Siegfried Stoehr of Fallingbostel, Germany; and three grandchildren, Ryan Stoehr, Jacob Dean and Danielle Papai.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 will conduct a memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Jack M. Clements**, 61, died Thursday. There will be no services or calling.

WARSAW — **Cecil Lawrence Lozier**, 87, father of a Kimmell resident, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in North Winona Church of the Brethren, Warsaw. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Deaths/Funerals

Treva Carpenter

SEBRING , Fla. — Treva E. Carpenter, 81, died Tuesday in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Carpenter was a 1936 Garrett High School graduate and a former Auburn resident. She retired from Cooper Engineered Products in 1980 and moved to Sebring in 1984. She was a member of the Garrett Alumni Association, the DeKalb County Democrat Ladies Club and the Women of the Moose, Auburn Chapter. She also was a past member of Auburn Business and Professional Women.

She was born in Garrett on Dec. 20, 1917, to James E. and Hetty (Dingman) Turney. Both are deceased.

She married Murray D. Carpenter on Sept. 27, 1936, in Garrett. He died Nov. 12, 1967.

Surviving are two sons, Kirk D. Carpenter of Auburn and Ken J. Carpenter of Sebring; two sisters, Violet Wooster of Toledo, Ohio, and Meryl Johnston of Oxford, Ohio; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents and husband, were a daughter, Karen Harper, of Auburn, on Oct. 4, 1992, and her sister, Gladys Whitford.

Burial will take place Thursday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with graveside services conducted by Pastor Al Black of the County Line Church of God.

An open house for family and friends will take place from Thursday 2-7 p.m. at the home of Kirk Carpenter, 812 Hawthorne Court, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb Chapter of the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Community Foundation Rieke Park Fund.

Funeral arrangements were made by Morris Funeral Chapel in Sebring, Fla.

Mary Antrup-West

AUBURN — Mary A. (Love) Antrup-West, 70, died Friday at 12:15 a.m.

She was a homemaker and lived on Irene Street in Auburn. She formerly resided in Butler.

She was born Dec. 25, 1929, in Brewster, Ohio, to the late Lucias L. and Dorothy M. Love.

Surviving her are her husband, Wayne G. West of Auburn; her daughter, Marsha J. Wrightstone (and husband, Fred) of Butler; three sons, Mickeal J. Antrup, Wayne David West (and wife, Stacey) of Hudson, and Mark A. West (and wife, Stephanie) of Auburn; three stepsons and their wives, Terry B. and Shirley West, Jerry W. and Kathy West, and Rick L. and Debbie West, all of Auburn; four sisters, Ruth M. Fowler of Butler, June Beard of Pleasant Lake, Edith I. Souder of Gurley, Ala. and Dianne Blackburn of Angola; 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Robert L. Love and Myron W. Love, and one grandchild, David West, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the Butler Cemetery.

Paul Carwile

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Paul K. Carwile, 78, died Friday at 2:15 a.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient since Tuesday. He had been in failing health for the past several years.

Mr. Carwile retired from Joslyn Steel in Fort Wayne after 27 years of service. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born July 13, 1920, in Hardinsburg, Ky., to the late Mathias and Zoa (Condor) Carwile. He moved to the Hicksville area in 1941.

He married Beatrice B. Brown on April 2, 1946, and she died March 7, 1983.

Surviving him are three daughters, Brenda Countermon of Hicksville, Peggy Coolman of Bryan, Ohio and Darlene Reaker of Bremen; five sons, Ed Carwile and Ron Carwile, both of Hicksville, Paul Carwile Jr . of Orlando, Fla., Larry Tracht of Germany and Gerald Tracht of Irving, Texas; two brothers, Mathias of Watertown, N.Y., and David of Auburn; one sister, Lucille Osmun of Hicksville; 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and his companion of 16 years, Edna Long.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Terry Carwile and George Tracht; one daughter, Janet Tracht; and two sisters, Kathryn Shuherk and Lula Miller.

Friends may call Sunday after 2 p.m. and Monday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Ken Wellman, minister of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville, will officiate. Burial will take place in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio, with a military graveside service conducted by the Hicksville post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Heart Fund.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Annie Mae Poyser**, 67, of Cromwell, died Thursday. Her funeral service will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, where friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Harry Blevins

AUBURN — Harry Blevins, 89, died Saturday at 4:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, where he had resided for four years.

Mr. Blevins was the former owner of Cricket's Tavern in Auburn, and lived in Auburn most of his life. He was a Chicago Cubs fan and avid fisherman.

He was born Aug. 12, 1909, in Avilla to the late Charles and Rose (Pfister) Blevins.

He married Esther I. Goe on Feb. 16, 1929, in Auburn, and she died Jan. 18, 1990.

Surviving him are one son, Charles E. of Auburn; four daughters, Betty J. Dyer of Garrett, Helen J. (Mrs. Jack) Sanders of Auburn, Rebecca I. (Mrs. William) Meyers of Angola, and Rosetta I. (Mrs. Robert) Vollmer of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bill, Art, George and Robert; and four sisters, Hazel Hartman, Ilda Shock, Helen Hawk and Florence Hackenburg.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will begin Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after noon. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Edith Soudah

GARRETT — Edith Joan Soudah, 90, died Friday at 9:45 p.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Soudah taught at Radford College in Virginia and at schools in Michigan and Indiana for several years. She came to DeKalb County in 1946 and taught at Ashley for 11 years. She then taught at Avilla until her retirement in 1971.

She was a member of the Indiana Association of Retired Teachers, National Education Association, Delta Omicron Society, True Blue Class and Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She was born Sept. 5, 1908, in Chicago to Harold and Hilda (Goranson) Ebenholtz. Both parents are deceased.

She married the Rev. Peter Soudah in Chicago on June 19, 1933. He served as a pastor for more than 50 years, including 1946-68 at the Garrett Presbyterian Church. He died in May 1972.

She is survived by one son, Dr. John R. Soudah, and his wife, Katherine Campbell-Soudah, of Merrillville. Another son, Harold, died in 1985.

Also surviving are five grandchildren: Harold's three children, Robert, John and Michelle; and John's two children, Angela and Jennifer.

Her funeral service will take place Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Elizabeth Morgan will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the church.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Merel McNabb

LAGRANGE — Merel L. McNabb, 65, died Friday in Vencor Hospital—LaGrange.

Mr. McNabb was born Aug. 28, 1933, in Angola to James B. and Josie (Locke) McNabb. On May 4, 1953, in LaGrange, he married Elsie Stutzman, who survives.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years and then worked at Coachman Industries in Middlebury, Starcraft in Topeka and Madison Wire in Orland.

He was a member of the American Legion Post in Orland and the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in LaGrange.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Mrs. Chet (Melinda) Schemahorn of LaGrange; one son, William G. McNabb of Holyoke, Ma.; two stepdaughters, Barbara Phifer of Knox and Mrs. Bob (Pat A.) Smith of Sparta, Tenn.; two stepsons, Richard Lee Rowdabaugh of Goshen and James E. Page Jr. of Whitehouse, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Donald McNabb of Dallas, Ga.; two sisters, Bertha Rogers of White Pigeon, Mich., and Mary Jane Ferrier, address unknown.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by three brothers, James R. McNabb, Bill McNabb and Robert G. McNabb.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Phil Tharp officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Ellen Davis

SALEM CENTER — Ellen (Moore) Davis, 79, died at 5:40 a.m. Sunday in her residence. She had been in failing health since November 1998.

She was born Oct. 14, 1919, in Handshoe, Ky., to George and Susan (Bailey) Allen. On March 3, 1939, she married Farris Moore, who preceded her in death Oct. 31, 1949. On June 24, 1958, in Hindman, Ky., she married Curtis Davis, who preceded her in death Feb. 10, 1983.

She was a homemaker and was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Surviving are one son, Forest Moore of Ligonier; six daughters, Irene Moore of Ligonier, Shirley Swank of Ligonier, Dorothy Mynhier of Stroh, Kitty Neace of Stroh, Fairlena Napier of Salem Center and Wilma Hutton of Salem Center; one sister, Pearlie Russell of Coal Grove, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Along with her two husbands, she was preceded in death by five sisters, two brothers, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Five Corners Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, rural Wolcottville.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the church and from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mary Potts

ANGOLA — Mary Potts, 86, of Angola, died Friday at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Potts was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

She was born June 1, 1912, in Huntertown to the late Frank and Lou Pion.

Surviving are four sons, Richard, Terry and John, all of Angola, and Joseph of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Mary Call of Angola, Noreta Call of Butler, Imogene Hornbrook of Angola, and Judie Hamilton of Goshen; 36 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Potts, on Feb. 10, 1966; by a son, Raymond Eugene Potts, in 1966; and 12 brothers and sisters.

Services were conducted this morning at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

W. Joseph Vesey

HILLSBORO BEACH, Fla. — W. Joseph Vesey, 83, died Friday at his home in Hillsboro Beach.

He was a Fort Wayne native and was the president of Midwest Florist Supply Co. of Fort Wayne for 30 years.

He also was a member of the Sea Club at Hillsboro Beach; Maumee Masonic Lodge 725, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne, and was a past commodore of the Clear Lake Yacht Club at Clear Lake, Ind.

Surviving are his daughter, Susan Spangler of Fremont; a son, Dr. William J. Vesey of Fishers; and three grandchildren.

His wife, Geraldine Findley Vesey, preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Indiana.

LuAnn Reade

LAGRANGE — LuAnn Reade, 62, died Sunday in her home.

The Pleasant Lake native was born Feb. 19, 1936.

Funeral services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Area Deaths

MIDDLEBURY — **Joseph D. Lehman**, 52, died Sunday. Funeral services at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Ralph Bontrager, 11475W — 250N, Middlebury, with Bishop Sam E. Bontrager and the Rev. Daniel Yoder officiating. Visitation is in Mr. Lehman's home, 2355N — 1150W, Middlebury, after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Ruby H. Bennett**, 90, formerly of Wolf Lake, died at 4:55 a.m. Saturday in Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Funeral services at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. Visitation is from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Frances L. Ferguson**, 93, died Saturday. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Covington, with the Rev. Robert Miller officiating.

KENDALLVILLE — **Opal E. Muesing**, 84, died Saturday. Funeral services at 2 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Edward Mencer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Edward W. Mencer, 77, of Orlando and formerly of Clear Lake, died Saturday at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Mencer was the former operator of the South Shore Grocery at Clear Lake.

He was born Aug. 19, 1911, in Monroeville to the late Daniel and Minnie Mencer.

Surviving are two daughters, Debra Thornton (and husband, James) of Orlando, and Nona Deitsch (and husband, Max) of Orlando; three grandchildren, Connie, Nathan and Tina; a great-grandchild, Christina; and a brother, Joseph Mencer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie, in 1997.

There will be no calling. Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery with the Rev. Kenneth Redmann officiating. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Mary Lou Daniel Burkett

MEADVILLE, Pa. — Mary Lou Daniel Burkett, 54, died Feb. 9 in Meadville Medical Center.

She was a homemaker and formerly lived in Paulding, Ohio.

Surviving her are her husband, Charles; a son, Derric Daniel of Paulding; two daughters, Tammy Warney of Fort Wayne and Michele Cooper of Paulding; a brother, Dean Woodard of Auburn; three sisters, Janice Woodard and Charlene Fromholt, both of New Haven, and Carol Woodard of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio. There will be no calling.

Slade Funeral Home of Payne is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

WHITEHALL, Ohio — **Harold J. "Joe" Olney**, 39, husband of former LaGrange resident Loretta Marchand, died Saturday in Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Schoedinger East Chapel, Columbus. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Marjorie Leighty**, 86, who served as Kendallville's clerk-treasurer from 1971-79, died Monday. Funeral services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Helen Huff

LAGRANGE — Helen R. Huff, 86, a former school teacher for Prairie Heights Community Schools, died at 1:45 a.m. Monday in Vencor Hospital—LaGrange.

Mrs. Huff was born in Noble County on Aug. 17, 1912, to Claude and Bertha (Wilson) Cornelius. On Nov. 25, 1936, in LaGrange, she married John R. Huff, who preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 1996.

She had lived in LaGrange County most of her life and had been a school teacher for 44 years. She was a Springfield Township 4-H leader, and a member of the East Springfield United Methodist Church and its Ladies Aid. Also, she was a former board member of the LaGrange County Cancer Society and a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Barbara) Gordon of Nottawa, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Jon C. and Gail Huff of Fort Wayne; several nieces and nephews; three sisters, Pauline Schwab of Elkhart, Catherine Hostetler of Elkhart and Mildred Louthan of Angola; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dayton and Donnabelle Huff of LaGrange; special friends Hubert and Barbara Cline of LaGrange; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in East Springfield United Methodist Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to Indiana Special Olympics.

LuAnn Reade

LAGRANGE — LuAnn Reade, 62, died Sunday in her residence.

Mrs. Reade was born Feb. 19, 1936, in Pleasant Lake to Clay and Naomi (Griffith) Lemmon. Her mother died at childbirth and LuAnn was raised by Edith Ulmer, who preceded her in death. On Oct. 16, 1954, in LaGrange, she married Christopher "Chris" Reade, who preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1983.

She had been a beautician in LaGrange for many years and then worked for Schrock Real Estate in LaGrange for about 22 years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and had served as its secretary for several years. Also, she was a past member of Delta Thau Theta in LaGrange.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jerald (Terry) Miller of LaGrange and Ashli Reade of Kendallville; one son, Matt Reade of LaGrange; one brother, Thomas Ulmer of Seymour; three half-sisters, Sharon Perna of Garland, Texas, and Linda Lindeman and Lucy Wilcoxson, both of Fort Wayne; and two half-brothers, Louie Lemmon and Jim Lemmon, both of Hamilton.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church of LaGrange with the Rev. Dale Linhart and the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Cairl

BUTLER — Mildred Louise Cairl, 71, died Monday at 10:35 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cairl worked as a secretary in the DeKalb Eastern Community School District for 19 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church and a former member of Zion United Methodist Church, Hamilton.

Cairl

She was born Feb. 3, 1928, in Louisville, Ky., to the late Louis and Anna-Julia Louise (Scheu) Kniss.

She married the Rev. Nelson Roland Cairl on July 2, 1949, in Louisville. He died July 18, 1995.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Daniel R. and Cindy Cairl of Fremont; one daughter and son-in-law, Glenna and John Weaver of Butler; and three grandchildren, Janelle, Stephan and Brandon Cairl.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in Zion United Methodist Church, Hamilton, with calling after noon. The Rev. David Schleh of the Auburn Alliance Church will officiate. Burial will take place in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Christian & Missionary Alliance Missions Fund.

Ronald Jamieson

FREMONT — Ronald Jamieson, 57, of Fremont, died at 11:48 a.m. Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Jean Sommerlott

DUNCANVILLE, Texas — Jean C. Sommerlott, 82, of Duncanville, died Tuesday.

Mrs. Sommerlott, a native of North Vernon, is survived by a daughter, Nan C. Hastings of Cedar Hill, Texas; two sons, Ronald Brian Mead of Columbus, Miss., and Jeffery K. Mead of Carrollton, Texas; four grandchildren, Mark Reynolds, Paula Allin, Brian Keith Mead and Jonathan Robert Mead; and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. (Texas time) at the West-Hurtt Funeral Home, DeSoto, Texas.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. (Texas time) Thursday at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Duncanville. Burial will be in Rhodes Cemetery, DeSoto.

Raymond Morrow

NEW HAVEN — Raymond A. Morrow died Tuesday at Harborside Healthcare Center, New Haven.

He retired from International Harvester after 16 years of service, and worked at Rogers Market after retirement.

He was born in Auburn and served in the U.S. Navy for six years. He was a member of Parkwood Church of God and the American Legion. He loved to travel and attend church.

Surviving him are his wife, Donna, of Fort Wayne; four sons, Steve A. of Englewood, Colo., and Mike R., James A., and Rodney A., all of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Rita Libey of Roanoke; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Arthur and Donald, and three sisters, Buelah, Edria and Beatrice, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Parkwood Church of God, 3320 Trier Road, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with a military graveside service.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Catherine Werts

ANGOLA — Catherine Werts, 77, of Angola, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Werts was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, the Pioneer Club and worked part-time for several years at the Angola Nursing Home. She retired from Dana Weatherhead, where she worked as an inspector.

She was born Aug. 10, 1921, in Ashley to the late Ora Ray and Goldie (Smith) McEntarfer.

In June 1949, she married Robert Hull, who preceded her in death on June 23, 1988.

On June 6, 1992, she married Walter Werts, who preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Rick Hull of Auburn; two brothers, Clyde McEntarfer of Ashley and Henry McEntarfer of Victoria, Texas; five sisters, Cora McCloskey of Fort Wayne, Betty Timmons of Sunnyvale, Calif., Wava Burkhalter of Fort Wayne, Sylvia Fitch of Lake Placid, Fla., and Marjorie Glyshaw of Bellaire, Mich.; and a grandson, Brandon Mettert.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society and Fairview Missionary Church.

Charles Shumaker

ELWELL, Mich. — Charles F. Shumaker, 70, died Feb. 10 in Michigan.

He was a DeKalb County native and formerly lived in Ashley. He lived in Michigan for 30 years.

Surviving him are his wife, Amy; one son, David; and two grandchildren, all in Michigan; one brother, Donald of Ashley; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Seth and Madolyn (Morr) Shumaker; three brothers, Russel, Wayne and Max; and one sister, Donna Ann Green.

His funeral service and burial took place Feb. 13 in Michigan.

Deaths/Funerals

Nancy Handshoe

AUBURN — Nancy L. Handshoe, 53, died Wednesday at 1:57 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She lived on South Main Street in Auburn.

Mrs. Handshoe was born Aug. 26, 1945, in Garrett. Her mother, Lorraine (Carper) Henderson, survives in Garrett and her father, Gearld Henderson, is deceased.

She married Thelmer Handshoe on Oct. 20, 1998, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Renee Hogan of Garrett; four daughters, Ginger L. Purdue of Indianapolis, Christy Snook of Garrett, Penny Clevenger of Auburn, and Beth Sloan of Garrett; two stepsons, Todd Kennedy and Wendy Kennedy, both of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Tonya Gonser of Auburn and Tina Kennedy of Garrett; three brothers, Gearld Henderson and Ray Henderson, both of Waterloo, and John Henderson of Garrett; three sisters, Mary Ann Fugate, Rosemary Leach and Laura Strack, all of Garrett; 14 grandchildren and eight stepgrandchildren.

One sister, Margaret Henderson, preceded her in death.

A private memorial service will be conducted Saturday in the First Church of Christ, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family trust fund, in care of the Garrett State Bank.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Hill

HUDSON — Kenneth "Grumpy" Hill, 69, died Tuesday at home.

Born in Mongo, he was a truck driver with Migler Inc. for seven years, retiring in 1992. He loved hunting, fishing, children and animals.

Surviving him are his wife, Roselyn M. of Hudson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry L. and Linda Hill of Fort Wayne, and Kenneth G. and Karan Hill of Churubusco; two sisters, Joyce I. Krause of Leo-Cedarville and Delores Butler of Fort Wayne, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Two brothers, Gerald and George, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Entombment will take place in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with a military graveside service by Waynedale American Legion Post 241.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706.

Esther L. Read

LAPORTE — Esther L. Read, 77, died Tuesday at 2:40 p.m. in Countryside Place, LaPorte.

Mrs. Read resided in LaPorte for 50 years. She worked as a machinist for 20 years before retiring in 1982. She was a member of the LaPorte Hospital Auxiliary and volunteered at Avila Nursing Home and LaPorte Hospital.

She was born in Auburn on Oct. 13, 1921, to LeRoy and Anna (Jackson) Haywood. Both are deceased.

She married William R. Read Sr. on Aug. 24, 1942, in LaPorte. He preceded her in death on May 26, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Levenhagen of LaPorte and Mary Sellers of Three Oaks, Mich.; one son, William J. Read Jr. of New Carlisle; one sister, Ruth Groves of Leo; one brother, Robert Haywood of Auburn; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One sister, Vera Ranney, and one son, James Read, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at Haverstock Funeral Home in LaPorte.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with Pastor Robert Baird officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to VNA Hospice, the LaPorte Hospital Auxiliary or the American Cancer Society.

Ronald Jamieson

FREMONT — Ronald Jamieson, 57, of Fremont, died at 11:48 a.m. Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Michigan on Aug. 11, 1914, to Bud and Edith Jamieson. His mother survives in Traverse City, Mich.

Mr. Jamieson, formerly of Angola, was self-employed.

Surviving with his mother are two daughters, Judy Jamieson and Jeanette Schworm, both of Michigan; two sons, Jerry Jamieson and Jimmy Jamieson, both of Michigan; a sister, Shirley Benton of Michigan; a brother, Dick Jamieson of Michigan; and nine grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Hallie McCoy**, 93, died Wednesday. Memorial services will be at a later date.

Deaths/Funerals

Lois Brandenburg

AUBURN — Lois Brandenburg, 82, died Wednesday in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Brandenburg was a homemaker and had retired as a nurse's aide from Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She lived in Auburn 22 years and formerly lived in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed gardening and making rugs.

She was born June 25, 1916, in Greensfork Township, Randolph County, Ind., to the late Calvin and Fausta (Skidmore) Hamrick.

She married Samuel O. Brandenburg in 1936 in Willshire, Ohio. He died in 1974.

Surviving her are two sons, F. Roger of Auburn and Ralph E. of Margate, Fla.; three sisters, Ruth Sudduth of Decatur, Charlene Dailey of Wren, Ohio, and Geneva Tallentire of Mansfield, Ohio; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One sister and one grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Bill Lyne of Dayspring Community Church and the Rev. Phil Reynolds, associate pastor of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Willshire Cemetery in Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to World Partners Special Cuba Fund or Gideons International.

Bobbie Greenwell

GARRETT — Bobbie Greenwell, 70, died Thursday at 8:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Greenwell was born Aug. 17, 1928, in Hippo, Ky., to the late Willie and Margaret (Bailey) Ousley.

She married Paul Greenwell on Aug. 20, 1951, in Pleasant Lake, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving her are one son, Thomas of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Ronald Remke of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Oscar Ousley of Garrett, and Charles and Donna Ousley of Auburn; four sisters and their husbands, Marie and Allie Jones of Garrett, Norma and Charlie Jones of Kendallville, Ioma and Alonzo Jones of Corunna, and Sandra and Delmer Handshoe of Garrett.

One sister, Lucy Ousley, and one brother, Rady Ousley, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Beatrice Emerson

ANGOLA — Beatrice Jennie Emerson, 87, of Angola, died Wednesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Emerson was a homemaker. She also was a Two Eagle Feather Squaw Medicine Woman and taught Native American culture to children. She worked for several carnivals and was a "Rosie the riveter" in the shipyards during World War II.

She was born Sept. 6, 1911, in Hobart.

Surviving are her guardian and friend, Louise Bryan, and family of Angola; three daughters in California; a sister, Virvile O'Hearn of Hobart; and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands and a son.

There will be no calling. Graveside services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in Carter Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Melba Shockey

PRETTY LAKE — Melba Shockey, 79, of Pretty Lake, died at 8 a.m. Wednesday in her residence.

She was born March 19, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Stewart Sharp and Ethel (Mills) Morgan. In July 1938, she married Howard Shockey, who preceded her in death in 1996.

Mrs. Shockey, a homemaker, had lived two years in Seattle, Wash., and Santa Barbara, Calif.

Surviving are a daughter, Pam Dase of Carefree, Ariz.; a sister, Carol Ellsworth of Pretty Lake; two nieces, Kathy Eshelman, Marine Van Winkle; a nephew, Jim Ellsworth; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will hold a memorial gathering in her home at Pretty Lake on Sunday afternoon.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Humane Shelter.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

The Evening Star, Sat., Feb. 20, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Louthan

ANGOLA — Mildred Louthan, 87, of Angola, died Friday at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

She was a former elementary school teacher.

She was born July 19, 1911, in Wolcottville.

Arrangements are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Lois Rhodehamel

PORTLAND, Ind. — Lois A. Rhodehamel, 89, died Tuesday evening at Community Care Center West.

She was a floral designer and had worked for W. Frank and Son, Olson's Flower Nook, Marianes Greenhouse and Walt's Greenhouse. She was a member of the Portland Friends Church, the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary and Gold Ladies.

She was born in Richmond, Ind., on Oct. 5, 1909.

She married Leo Rhodehamel in 1924. He died in 1950. Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Virginia Koon, and a son, Gene.

Surviving are three sons, Charles of Waterloo, Clark of Portland and Ray of Churubusco; three half-brothers, Robert Swartsell of Hamilton, Ohio, Ralph Swartsell of Indianapolis and Carl Swartsell of New Paris, Ohio; a half-sister, Marianne Baker of Xenia, Ohio; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Services will be conducted today at 10 a.m. in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Mercer County Hospice.

Evelyn McGahen

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — Evelyn D. McGahen, 78, died unexpectedly Thursday at 10:15 a.m. in her winter home in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Mrs. McGahen was born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 26, 1921, to George and Maria (Lagemann) John. She married Lawrence W. McGahen on Oct. 5, 1940, in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 1987.

Mrs. McGahen worked as a secretary at Uniform Printing Co. in Kendallvile, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville and Messiah Ladies Aid. She was the former treasurer of Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary and past member of the Kendallville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are one son and a daughter-in-law, Kendallville Mayor Larry and Phyllis McGahen, of Kendallville; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jerry Bidwell of Rome City; one sister, Helen Haynes of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Jeff, Deric and Brad Bidwell, Jane Myers and Kimberly Terry of Rome City and Dawn McGahen of Kendallville; and three great-grandchildren, Justin and Ryan Handshoe of Kendallville and Nicholas Terry of Rome City.

One brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Kevin Laughran officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary or the Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

The Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 22, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Jesse Picklesimer

GARRETT — Jesse F. Picklesimer, 71, died Sunday at his home on South Johnson Street.

He was a railroad telegrapher.

He was born May 15, 1927, in Brownstown, Ind., to the late Harry H. and Jane (Clay) Picklesimer.

Surviving him are his wife, Marie; two sons, Youvat "Yogi" Lee Pickelsimer of Garrett and Dean Edward Picklesimer of West Bloomfield, Mich.; one daughter, Cindy Kay Creager of Holiday, Fla.; two grandchildren, one cousin, four nieces, four nephews and 14 great-nieces and great-nephews.

One brother, Harry K., preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Effie Wagner

GARRETT — Effie M. Wagner, 85, died Saturday at 3:52 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for 24 years.

She was born Nov. 14, 1913, in Niles, Mich., to the late John and Dolly (Barnhydt) Mapes.

She married Walter J. Wagner on March 13, 1933, in Kendallville. He died Sept. 13, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Elsie Simmons of Garrett, a sister, Mae Gillingham of Elkhart; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Pastor Larry Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett. Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Louis Kosturik

AUBURN — Louis J. Kosturik, 80, died Sunday at 11:20 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kosturik worked at Oldberg Manufacturing in Grand Haven, Mich., retiring in 1977. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Chicago to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kosturik.

He married Norraine Bellaire on Aug. 30, 1969, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Hurns-Koeppe of Auburn; five grandchildren, Collette Johnson, Terro Gilbert, Angela Secrist, Chelsea Merkle and Abbe Koeppe; four great-grandsons; and one nephew, Gerald Kosturik of Grand Haven.

One sister, Francis, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Ray Balzer officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Legion of Mary, DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Leitha Pearson

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Leitha Pearson, 89, died Saturday at 7:42 p.m. at Fountain Manor Care Center, Hicksville.

She was a member of the Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church, Ladies' Aid Society, All-Together Club and the Defiance County Farm Bureau. She was a homemaker, worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for several years and retired as a cook from the Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

She was born July 28, 1909, in Defiance County, Ohio to Clyde and Myrtle Hootman. On Oct. 4, 1924, she married Paul A. Pearson. He died Aug. 24, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Virgil "Pete" Pearson of Hicksville; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Lena Rose Cole; three sisters, Georgia, Helen and Doris; five brothers, Walter, Earl, Maurice, Dean and Lee; and one great-grandson.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Tuesday and after 9 a.m. Wednesday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Tom Graves of Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be made to Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church or the Hicksville Unit for Crippled Children and Adults.

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Vita Isbell

FORT WAYNE — Vita M. Isbell, 77, died Sunday in Lutheran Homes, Fort Wayne.

She was a housekeeper at Parkview Memorial Hospital for 20 years, retiring in 1987.

She was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Noble County to Ernest and Nellie (Duesler) Huff.

She married Paul Isbell on July 2, 1941, in Albion, and he survives.

Also surviving her are one daughter, Marjorie Westphal of Saint Anne, Ill.; two sons, Douglas K. of Churubusco and Dennis E. of Derry, N.H.; two sisters, Marceil Bickel and Viva Meroney, both of Ligonier; two brothers, William Huff of Albion and Arlo Huff of Sturgis, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Her funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorial contributions may be given to Lutheran Homes.

Lewis Straw

CHURUBUSCO — Lewis G. Straw, 73, of Churubusco, died Saturday in Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City.

He was born April 24, 1925, in Fremont to Floyde and Virgil Straw. On Dec. 24, 1949, in Angola, he married Doretha Zimmer. She survives.

Mr. Straw was a route salesman for Coca-Cola for 25 years. He was a member of VFW Post 2749, Kendallville, and American Legion Post 381, Rome City.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Richard A. Straw and Lewis D. Straw, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Margaret of Tennessee; a brother, Melvin Straw of Fremont; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation is Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour before services.

Preferred memorials are to Mrs. Doretha Straw.

Esther Waite

ANGOLA — Esther Jane Waite, 91, of Crooked Lake, died Saturday at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Waite was a homemaker, a 50-year member of the Angola Women of the Moose and a member of the Silver Lake Ladies Aide.

She was born Nov. 19, 1907, in Steuben County to the late Adam and Delia (Thompson) Ickes.

On March 4, 1928, she married Loren Waite. He died Feb. 22, 1972.

Surviving are two sons, Carlton Waite of Indianapolis and Don Waite of Angola; a daughter, Lorna Alexander of Gulf Shores, Ala.; a brother, Carroll Ickes of Angola; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, where a Women of the Moose Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

DeWayne Freed

CORUNNA — DeWayne G. Freed, 60, died Saturday at 3:55 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Freed was a machine operator, and formerly worked at Hy-Matic Co. in Kendallville. He lived on State Road 327, Corunna, and was a member of the Full Independent Gospel Church of Ashley.

He was born Sept. 13, 1938, in Noble County to Robert and Virginia (Lindsey) Freed, who survive.

He married Linda Taylor on Feb. 15, 1974, in Auburn. She also survives.

Additional survivors include five sons, Gary of Cooney, Ohio, Denver of Ashley, Donald of Angola, Tyler, at home, and Glenn of Kendallville; one daughter, Rebecca Collins of Kendallville; one brother, Charles of Garrett; two sisters, Joyce Davis of Garrett and Lois Fuller of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

One son, Jeffrey, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p,m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Full Independent Gospel Church, Ashley, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Sam Weimer will officiate, with burial in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Helen Ellert

ASHLEY — Helen M. Ellert, 92, died Saturday at 6 a.m. in her home on County Road 27, Ashley.

Miss Ellert taught in two Smithfield Township country schools, and Ashley and Lakeville schools. She taught 22 years in Garrett schools, retiring in 1971 with a total of 46 years of teaching. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and its rosary society, St. Anne's Study Club, Harvest House, and Retired Teachers Association.

She was born Aug. 22, 1906, in Orland to the late Michael and Amelia (Blomeke) Ellert.

Surviving her are one brother, Fred Ellert of Ashley; two nieces, Ann Brown of Fort Wayne and Jeanne Steigmeyer of Keannasua, Ga.; and one nephew, Robert Gace of Decatur.

One sister, Pauline Gace, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord and Father Matthew Lyne will officiate. Burial will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Home Health Care, the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, or Masses at the church.

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Everal Applegate

HARLAN — Everal A. Applegate, 84, died Saturday at 3:50 a.m. at Woodview Health Care Inc., Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Applegate was a former resident of Harlan. She graduated from high school in West Unity, Ohio in 1932. She had worked at L.C. Smith in Antwerp, Ohio, for many years.

She was born June 5, 1914, to the Rev. Frank F. and Grace (Knapp) Suter in Williams County, Ohio.

On Dec. 25, 1932, she married Monald J. Applegate. He died Nov. 7, 1978.

Surviving are two daughters, Gloria Ann (Mrs. C. David) Coil and Shirley (Mrs. Richard) Kees, both of Harlan; one sister, Clela Shaffer of Bryan, Ohio; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Minister Ron Collins will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial donations to the Woodburn Christian Children's Home are preferred.

Nicholas Werdell

ANGOLA — Nicholas Mathias Werdell, 87, of Angola, died Saturday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Werdell was a music teacher for the Livonia, Mich., public schools.

He enjoyed oil painting and woodworking. He played the violin and performed with the Francis Elliott Music Club Orchestra, the Messiah Orchestra and the Hillsdale Orchestra. He was a member of the Country Carvers woodcarving club.

He was born Nov. 25, 1911, in Chicago to the late Nicholas P. and Clara R. (Jung) Werdell.

On Nov. 14, 1944, he married Nancy (Butler) Werdell, who preceded him in death in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Alice Cole of Angola; a brother, Gerald Werdell of Hoffman Estates, Ill.; two sisters, Florence Edwards of Lake Geneva, Wis., and Marcella McCarthy of Lake Villa, Ill.; and a grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Werdell, in 1976; two brothers, Frances Werdell and Raymond Werdell; and a sister, Dorothy Batch.

There will be no calling. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Mildred Louthan

ANGOLA — Mildred Louthan, 87, of Angola, died Friday at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Louthan was an elementary school teacher for 47 years, including 18 years as a second-grade teacher at Carlin Park Elementary School, Angola. She graduated from Wolcottville High School and Manchester College and earned a master's degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Lydia Circle of the Church, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She was born July 19, 1911, in Noble County to the late Claude and Bertha (Wilson) Cornelius.

On May 18, 1946, she married Kenneth "Ted" Louthan, who preceded her in death in October 1966.

Surviving are two sisters, Pauline Schwab and Mary Catherine Hostetler, both of Elkhart.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Hansen and Helen Huff.

Friends may call Tuesday from 11:30-1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church or the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

The Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 23, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy McPheeters

GARRETT — Dorothy McPheeters, 73, died Monday at 8:29 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. McPheeters was a homemaker and previously worked at the Garrett Community Hospital for 15 years as a nurse's aide. She lived on North Randolph Street in Garrett and was a member of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 7, 1925, in DeKalb County to the late James and Bertha (Betts) Owen.

She married Jack G. McPheeters on April 5, 1947, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jack G. McPheeters II of Garrett; a daughter, Diana Howard of Auburn; two sisters, Rozella Dembickie of Garrett and Sadie Grate of Ashley; three granddaughters, Monica Howard of Auburn, Heather Wogoman of Middlebury, and Kimberly Humphries of Florida; two great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Two brothers, Harold "Buck" Owen and Russell Owen, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Arthritis Foundation.

Mitch Blankenship

HUDSON — Mitch Blankenship, 66, of Hudson, died at 5:45 p.m. Monday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 25, 1932, in McDowell, Ky., to William and Mattie (Moore) Blankenship. On June 13, 1953, in Pikeville, Ky., he married Alphia Kiser. She survives.

Mr. Blankenship had lived in rural Hudson since 1963. He retired after 17 years from Grumman Olson in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Janetta Slone of Helmer; three sons, Ricky Blankenship of Sturgis, Michael Blankenship of Wolcottville, and Dougie Blankenship of Hudson; four sisters, Elcie Gayheart of LaGrange, Maxie Stambaugh of Mongo, Alley Wiley of Highland, Mich., and Tinia Bolton of Wolcottville; three brothers, Fedie Blankenship of South Milford, Eddie Blankenship of Wolcottville, and Levi Blankenship of Ligon, Ky.; five grandchildren, Travis, Brandon, April and Chad Blankenship and Jennifer Christensen; and one great-grandson, Matthew Christensen.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donnie Blankenship, in 1963; a grandson, Justin Slone, in 1987; three sisters, Annie Hamilton, Delphia Gayheart and Ellie Hamilton; and two brothers, Condy Blankenship and Henry Blankenship.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church in McDowell, Ky., with the Rev. Red Alley officiating. Burial will be in the Blankenship Family Cemetery, McDowell.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and at the church in Kentucky Wednesday and Thursday.

Retha James

ANGOLA — Retha L. James, 95, of Angola, died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. James was a free-lance writer for 30 years, often using a pseudonym. She was named to Who's Who among Indiana state poets in 1992.

She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ, the Evening Musical Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Indiana State Federated Poetry Club and the National Federated Poetry Society.

She was born Sept. 2, 1903, in Grant County to the late William and Della M. (Brown) Griffin.

Surviving are a daughter, Alvena Zimonick of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a stepdaughter, Bonnita Hennessey of Fort Wayne; a sister, Viola Vanderpool of Muncie; four granddaughters, Tobie Brown, Diane Dennen, Lynn Boobyer and Patricia White; 10 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Milo "Pop" Certain, in 1950; her second husband, Ben James, in 1957; and a daughter, Billye Smurr, on Oct. 28, 1998.

Friends may call from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 23, 1999, (cont'd)

Nicholas Werdell

ANGOLA — Nicholas Mathias Werdell, 87, of Angola, died Saturday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Werdell was a music teacher for the Livonia, Mich., public schools.

He enjoyed oil painting and woodworking. He played the violin and performed with the Francis Elliott Music Club Orchestra, the Messiah Orchestra and the Hillsdale Orchestra. He was a member of the Country Carvers woodcarving club.

He was born Nov. 25, 1911, in Chicago to the late Nicholas P. and Clara R. (Jung) Werdell.

On Nov. 14, 1944, he married Nancy (Butler) Werdell, who preceded him in death in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Alice Cole of Angola; a brother, Gerard Werdell of Hoffman Estates, Ill.; two sisters, Florence Edwards of Lake Geneva, Wis., and Marcella McCarthy of Lake Villa, Ill.; and a grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Werdell, in 1976; two brothers, Frances Werdell and Raymond Werdell; and a sister, Dorothy Batch.

There will be no calling. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Irma Zion

ANGOLA — Irma V. Zion, 93, of Angola, died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Zion worked as a coil winder at General Electric.

She was born Jan. 5, 1906, in Whitley County to the late Charles L. and Mable (Stouder) Broxon.

Surviving are two nephews, John Broxon of Pleasant Lake and Mark Broxon of Angola, and a niece, Cathy Brown of Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest M. Zion, on Feb. 26, 1993; and a brother, Harold Broxon.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Friends may call one hour before the services.

Burial will be in Haverstock Cemetery, Zanesville, Ohio.

William Gary Sr.

LOWRY CITY, Mo. — William D. Gary Sr., 73, of Lowry City, died Saturday at 6:10 a.m. in his home.

A former Steuben County resident, he retired from Consolidated Freightways, Fremont, in 1988 after about 30 years of service.

He attended school in the Rich Hill, Mo., community and served in the military during the Korean War and six years with the U.S. Air Force. He was awarded the Victory Medal, the American Theater Ribbon, the Apt Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was a member of the Park Grove, Mo., Christian Church, and had been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets, Oddfellows and the American Legion.

He enjoyed spending time with his family fishing, boating and observing wildlife around his home near Truman Lake in Missouri.

He was born in Engleville, Kan., to the late Henry and Cecil (Newell) Gary.

On June 15, 1947, he married Paula Arlene (Robinson) Gary, who survives at home.

Also surviving are six children, Donna Moreland of Nevada, Mo., William Gary Jr. of Lowry City, Paul Gary of Sedalia, Mo., Cheryl Sites of Leeton, Mo., Marsha Waldron of Papillion, Neb., and Pam Fellin of Blue Springs, Mo.; a brother, George (and wife, Ileen) Gary; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bud Gary, and a sister, Evelyn Leim Kuhler.

Funeral and military services were conducted this afternoon at Sheldon-Goodrich Chapel, Osceola, Mo., with the Rev. Bob Fenwick officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Osceola.

Jesse Picklesimer

GARRETT — Jesse F. Picklesimer, 71, died Sunday at 11 p.m. at his home on South Johnson Street.

He was a railroad telegrapher on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 26 years, retiring in 1989. He was the former owner of Pick's Restaurant in North Vernon, Ind. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in North Vernon.

He was born May 15, 1927, in Brownstown, Ind., to the late Harry H. and Annabelle (Sutton) Picklesimer.

He married Marie McIntosh on June 18, 1955, in Washington, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Youvat "Yogi" Lee Pickelsimer of Garrett and Dean Edward Picklesimer of West Bloomfield, Mich.; one daughter, Cindy Kay Creager of Holiday, Fla.; two grandchildren, three cousins, four nieces, four nephews and 14 great-nieces and great-nephews.

One brother, Harry K., preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 5 p.m. Dr. William N. Hodge will officiate.

A graveside service will take place Friday at 1 p.m. in the Vernon Cemetery in Vernon, Ind., with calling after 12:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Alexander Matthew McBride** died Saturday. Graveside services were today in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

CHURUBUSCO — **Joseph Paul Brumbaugh**, 89, died Sunday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

CROMWELL — **Elkren Bradley**, 46, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Free United Baptist Church, Packerton.

Deaths/Funerals

Randy Deller

ANGOLA — Randy K. Deller, 53, of Angola, died Monday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Deller worked as a machinist at Aro Corp. in Angola.

He was born Dec. 23, 1945, in Angola to Blaine and Rosie Deller.

On Dec. 31, 1983, he married Loraine (Seehawer) Deller, who survives at home.

Also surviving are his mother, Rosie Deller, of Fremont; a son, Christopher Book, of Angola; two daughters, Angela Masseau of Angola, and Laura Teeter of Union City, Ohio; a brother, Rick Deller of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Candy Deller of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1997 and a son, Michael Book, in 1981.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

W. Joseph Vesey

HILLSBORO BEACH, Fla. — W. Joseph Vesey, 83, of Hillsboro Beach, died Feb. 12 at his home.

Mr. Vesey was a former resident of Fort Wayne and Clear Lake.

He had been president of the Midwest Florist Supply Co. in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a member of the Maumee Masonic Lodge No. 725, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Mizpah Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Sea Club in Hillsboro Beach and was a past commodore of the Clear Lake Yacht Club.

He was born July 22, 1915, in Fort Wayne to the late Dick and Glennis (Life) Vesey.

Surviving are his daughter, Susan Spangler (and husband, James) of Fremont; a son, Dr. William Vesey (and wife, Susie) of Fishers; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine (Findley) Vesey.

There will be no visitation or funeral services. A graveside service will be conducted at a later date at Ray Cemetery near Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Bone Marrow Registry, in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation, Box 825, Angola, IN 46703.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Howard Watkins

COLDWATER, Mich. — Howard L. Watkins, 90, of Coldwater and formerly of Michiana Lake, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio, died Monday at the Community Health Care Center of Branch County, Mich.

Mr. Watkins had lived near the Michigan-Indiana line for more than 20 years. He was retired from Mather Spring Co. in Toledo, where he had been a superintendent.

He was born Oct. 17, 1908, in Frankfort to the late John and Heddy (Waterman) Watkins.

Surviving are his wife, Henrietta (Vogel) Watkins of Coldwater; two sons, Howard Lee (and wife, Joy) Watkins of Georgia, and Larry James Watkins of Nevada; 15 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladys, and two sons, Jay and Jack Watkins.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. There will be no services. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Kenneth D. "Casey** Melvin, 62, died Tuesday. Private family services Saturday in Rehoboth Cemetery. No calling.

SYRACUSE — **Branden Craig Wurthrich**, 2 1/2 months old, died Monday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Milford Cemetery. No calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Robert Bainbridge

WATERLOO — Robert E. Bainbridge, 72, died Wednesday at 6 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a farmer and drove a school bus for the DeKalb Central United School District for eight years. He lived on County Road 43, Waterloo, and was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church. He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Bainbridge was born Oct. 24, 1926, in DeKalb County to the late Ora and Bessie (Smith) Bainbridge.

He married Rhoada Rudolph on Nov. 22, 1956, in the Waterloo United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steven E. of Waterloo; three daughters, Sarah Aileen Hons (and husband, Eric) of Auburn, Susan Kay Golden (and husband, Bart) of Auburn, and Sandra Jean Sneary of Waterloo; one sister and her husband, Donna and Earl Richmond of Auburn; and seven grandchildren, Ian and Jessica Hons, Jennifer and Bradley Bainbridge, Shannon Sneary, and Tyler and Coltin Golden.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Karen Koelsch and the Rev. Bill Kaster, pastors of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Irvin Crawford

AUBURN — Irvin E. "Vern" Crawford, 59, died Tuesday at midnight in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crawford lived in Auburn for 12 years and formerly lived in Crestline, Ohio. He owned and operated CEE Window Cleaning in Auburn. He was a member of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Auburn, Auburn Lions Club, and Hoosier Warbirds. He was past president of the Crestline Retail Merchants Association. He was founder of the Crestline Harvest and Antique Festival and served as a past grand marshal of the festival parade. He was a competition dancer for the Arthur Murray dance studio.

He was born Aug. 12, 1939, in East Liverpool, Ohio, to the late Irvin E. Crawford Sr. and Gladys M. (Latshaw) Crawford.

Surviving him are three sons, Sean Allen Crawford of Galion, Ohio, Dr. Steven T. Crawford of Apex, N.C., and Robert Landon Crawford of Columbia City; two daughters, Sharon Hope Crawford Carlton of High Point, N.C., and Ellen Marie Crawford of Columbia City; one brother, Charles Wesley Crawford of Millport, Ohio; two grandchildren, Zachery Allen Carlton and Rachel Nicole Carlton; and his best friend, Mary Ellen Nuttle.

He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Paul W. Crawford; and three half-sisters, Naomi Crawford French, Genevra Crawford Wyley and Meta Crawford Butler.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Steve Eckert officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Doris Yeiser

ST. JOE — Doris D. Yeiser, 93, died Wednesday evening in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Yeiser was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, St. Joe Ladies Literary Club, St. Joe Fire Department Auxiliary, and DeKalb County Extension Homemakers.

She was born Oct. 15, 1905, in St. Joe to the late Samuel and Carolyn Bell (Coburn) Keesler.

She married Desmond W. "Mose" Yeiser on March 1, 1924, in St. Joe, and he died Nov. 11, 1989.

Surviving her are two sons, Donald K. and Harold L., both of St. Joe; one daughter, Rosemary (Mrs. Gerald) Means of Springville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry and Walter Keesler, and one sister, Jane Keesler.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral home, Spencerville.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis King officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Concord Township Volunteer Fire Department or St. Joe Church of Christ.

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Donald Brock

HUDSON — Donald Ben Brock, 57, died today at 2:56 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Brock was a retired minister and a driver for the United Parcel Service, retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

He was born July 1, 1941, in Bartow, Fla. His mother, Sydney Whidden Brock Henderson, survives in Lakeland, Fla., and his father, Jeff Brock, is deceased.

He married Louise Salway on Nov. 16, 1963, in Monroeville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Michelle Rose of Hamilton; two brothers, Jeff and Bob, both of Lakeland, Fla.; two sisters, Nancy Pierson of Lakeland and Virginia Schuck of Freeport, Texas; and two grandchildren, Caitlyn and Colton Rose.

Friends may call Saturday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after noon. The Rev. Rick L. Garmon will officiate. Burial will take place in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Joyce Brown

ANGOLA — Joyce C. Brown, 90, of Angola, died Wednesday in her home.

Mrs. Brown worked as a co-manager of the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park and was a member of the Eastern Star, Ladies of the Moose and several bridge clubs.

She was born March 23, 1908, in Flint to Warren and Ellen (Gurtner) Arnold. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Ann Sanders of Angola; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, two step-great-grandchildren and six step-great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Oscar W. Pence, in 1965; her second husband, Kenneth Brown, in 1976; four brothers, Barton, Caroll, Howard and Dean Arnold; and a sister, Doris Arnold.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Vera Ginder

INDIANAPOLIS — Vera Mae Ginder, 92, died Tuesday morning in her Indianapolis home.

She was a teacher, and trained in and pursued a career in research later in life. She was educated at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She was interested in military organizations, travel and genealogy, and published a Ginder family book in 1977.

She was born July 22, 1907, in Weston, Ohio, to the late Oliver and May Ginder.

She married retired Army Col. Alfred Maudy on June 29, 1947, in Bowling Green, Ohio, and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by several cousins, including some in DeKalb County.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Singleton Community Mortuary & Memorial Center, Indianapolis, with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will take place Saturday in the Butler Cemetery.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Marion A. Strayer**, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Thelma J. DeWald**, 80, died Wednesday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday in Wright Cemetery, Hudson. No calling.

LAGRANGE — **S. Mildred Schultess**, 101, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. James Chapel, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Fruripmay Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **James Tyler Brickey**, 7, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Apostolic Faith Church of God, Ligonier, with calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

LaVoyle Lockwood

AUBURN — LaVoyle Lockwood, 84, died Thursday at 7 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Lockwood was a homemaker and lived on County Road 34, Auburn. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Auburn, and its social circle. She was a member of the Richland Township Home Demonstration Club and the Auburn Rebekah Lodge.

She was born May 13, 1914, in DeKalb County to the late George and Minnie (Alwood) Headley.

She married Bernard Lockwood on Feb. 16, 1935, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gerald of Waterloo and Larry of Auburn; one daughter, Jeannette Feller of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

One brother, George G. Headley, one sister, Mardelle Davis, and one great-granddaughter, Casey Penland, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. Richard Moore officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Christian Church.

Agnes Ameling

ANGOLA — Agnes A. Ameling, 87, of Angola and formerly of Chesterton, died Tuesday at her residence.

Mrs. Ameling was a retired self-employed beautician. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Chesterton, and lived most of her life in Chesterton.

She was born Feb. 20, 1912, in Chesterton to the late Michael and Mary (Demorotski) Povlock.

On Aug. 31, 1940, in Chesterton she married Arthur Ameling, who preceded her in death on March 7, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Dwight Ameling (and wife, Sharon) of Fremont; a brother, Edward Povlock (and wife, Clemantine) of Chesterton; a sister, Ann Jeannette White (and husband, Roy) of Chesterton; two grandchildren, Eric Ameling, and Todd Ameling (and wife, Brook); four great-grandchildren, Andrew, Scott, Kyle and Sarah Ameling; a brother-in-law, Jake Bishop of Chesterton; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Bishop.

Services were conducted this morning at Edmonds and Evans Funeral Home, Chesterton. Cremation was at Heritage Crematory with interment of ashes at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Chesterton.

Memorial donations may be made to the building fund at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Chesterton.

Kimberly Baisden

KENDALLVILLE — Kimberly Kay Baisden, 25, of Kendallville, died at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a one-car accident earlier Wednesday afternoon near the Waits Road and Sherman Street intersection.

She was born in Auburn Feb. 15, 1974, to Clarence and Sheila (Marshall) Treesh. They survive in Kendallville. On March 2, 1996, in Corunna, she married Cecil M. Baisden. He also survives.

Mrs. Baisden, a 1992 graduate of DeKalb High School, worked for Uniform Printing.

Surviving with her husband and parents are four daughters, Alexis Fay Baisden, Allison Renee Baisden, Amber Elizabeth Campbell and Tiffany Nicole Campbell, all of Kendallville; two brothers, Tony Treesh of Auburn, and Ron Treesh of Edgerton, Ohio; grandparents, Eldon and Savilla Treesh of Waterloo, and Eileen Marshall Temple of Kendallville. She was preceded in death by a grandparent, Maurice Marshall.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in New Hope Baptist Church, rural Kendallville. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Waterloo.

Visitation is after 2 p.m. Sunday in the church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Calamanda Nixon

GARRETT — Calamanda Nixon, 85, died Wednesday at 9:26 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nixon was a homemaker and lived on South Guilford Street in Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and its Rosary Society.

She was born April 1, 1913, in Garrett to the late John and Helen (Deutich) Biedrzycki.

She married Robert E. Nixon on Sept. 16, 1940, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are four nieces, Virgilia Schlotterer of Garrett, Barbara Overy of Luther, Mich., Dolores Kurtz of Fowler, and Susan Severson of LaOtto; four great-nieces and great-nephews, and nine great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or its Masses.

Calvin Sands

MARSHALL, Mich. — Calvin Sands, 80, an Auburn native, died Thursday at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall.

Mr. Sands worked at Eaton Manufacturing in Marshall, retiring in 1982. He graduated from Marshall High School in 1938 and served in the U.S. Army in the early to mid-1940s. He enjoyed watching softball games, playing cards and taking day trips. He collected golf balls and enjoyed watching his grandchildren perform in music concerts.

He was born Feb. 27, 1918, in Auburn, and his family moved to Marshall in the 1930s.

Surviving him are his wife, Ardith; two sons, three grandsons, one brother and one sister.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home, Marshall.

His funeral service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kenneth Tippen officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Leota Elinore "Lee" Kline**, 82, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 3-6 p.m. today in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Carl Collins

AUBURN — Carl J. Collins, 61, died Friday at 2:20 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Collins was a maintenance worker at Auburn Mobile Homes for 24 years, and formerly worked at Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry in Auburn. He was a member of the Auburn Kiwanis Club, where he served as president, vice president and treasurer, and the Auburn Baptist Church.

He enjoyed fishing, music and bowling. He had lived in DeKalb County since 1964.

He was born Oct. 6, 1937, in Lee County, Va., to the late Charlie Allen and Ruby Collins.

He married Betty Sarver on April 19, 1958, in Lee County, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael W. of Auburn; three daughters, Debra A. Kimmel, Gloria L. Hansen and Karen K. Likes, all of Auburn; two brothers, Kenneth G. Allen of Auburn and Don L. Allen of Corbin, Ky.; two sisters, Judy Maurer and Nell Taylor, both of Auburn; and nine grandchildren.

One daughter, Barbara, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral will be conducted Monday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Kenny Queener and Deacon Ray Carter, both of the Auburn Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn Kiwanis Club.

Edna Stayner

ANGOLA — Edna Stayner, 93, of Angola, died Friday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Stayner worked as a secretary for A.H. Perfect Co. and Royal Easy Chair, both in Sturgis, Mich. She was a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born April 27, 1905, in Sturgis to the late Henry and Caroline (Schmittendrof) Studeman.

On June 19, 1948, she married Charles Stayner, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol Budd of Angola; a brother, Lawrence Studeman of Sturgis; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, George, William and Frank Studeman; and two sisters, Ella Studeman and Emma Maddux.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Sturgis.

Memorials may be made to the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church and Calvary Lutheran Church.

Edgar Miller

FORT WAYNE — Edgar A. "Doc" Miller, DDS, 90, died Thursday at The Arbors at Fort Wayne.

Born in Nappanee, Mr. Miller was a dentist in Butler and Kendallville for over 50 years.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Isiac Knapp Dental Society, Indiana Dental Association, and National Dental Society. He loved to play golf.

Mr. Miller is survived by two step-sons, Rick G. Eby of Fort Wayne and Dennis R. Eby of Houston, Texas; two step-daughters, Lori J. Hunt of Fort Wayne and Pam Titus of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Jean Enyert of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, M. Louise Miller, in 1993. A brother, Robert Miller, also preceded him in death.

Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Greater Fort Wayne Unit, 2420 N. Coliseum Blvd., Ste. 200, Fort Wayne, 46805.

Ivan E. Weicht

Fort Wayne — 1922-1999

Ivan E. Weicht, 76, of Fort Wayne, a foundry worker, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999, at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System.

The Butler native was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Esther of Berlin, Wis.; daughters Linda Bartotto of Oshkosh, Wis., Pamela Smith of Peebles, Ohio, and Sheri Trochinski of Berlin; a son, Randy of Wautoma, Wis.; a sister, Gladys Corbin of Berlin; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Information provided by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., 424-1525.

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Violet M. DeVeny

Fort Wayne — 1906-1999

Violet M. DeVeny, 92, of Fort Wayne, a native of Van Wert County, Ohio, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999, at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty J. Schultz of Lakeside, Calif.; a brother, William L. Whitaker, of San Diego; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles R., in 1963.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with calling from 2 to 5 p.m. today. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., 422-4232.

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Deaths/Funerals

Timothy Browning

FREMONT — Timothy Todd Browning, 35, of Fremont, died Sunday in his home.

Mr. Browning was an installer for a heating and air conditioning company.

He was born July 20, 1963, in Huntington, W.Va., to Laura McClory, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are his stepfather, David Moskowitz of West Unity, Ohio; a brother, Rory Browning of Fremont; two sisters, Deborah Swager of Fremont and Jeanette Hull of Montpelier, Ohio; and four nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service will be conducted Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Donald Rauhut officiating.

Memorial gifts may be given to Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Georgia Harig

AUBURN — Georgia A. Harig, 64, died Saturday at 1:37 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Harig was a kitchen assistant at Dana Corp. for 10 years and formerly owned her own ceramics shop. She lived most of her life in Auburn and was a member of Pythian Sisters. Ceramics was her hobby.

She was born July 7, 1934, in Haslett, Mich., to the late Charles N. and Daily Huber.

She married Wesley E. Harig on April 19, 1958, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steven R. of Auburn, and three grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home by the Rev. O. Dale Williams. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

James Hubbard Sr.

BUTLER — James E. Hubbard Sr., 67, died Sunday at 3:55 p.m. in Auburn.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

A full obituary will be published in Tuesday's edition.

Calamanda Nixon

GARRETT — Memorial contributions for Calamanda Nixon, 85, may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School or Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

Mrs. Nixon died Wednesday. Her funeral service was held today in the church, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Evening Star, Mon., March 1, 1999 (cont'd)

Sylvia Fry

PORTLAND — Sylvia M. Fry, 91, of Portland, died Sunday at the Portland Community Care Center West.

Mrs. Fry attended Asbury United Methodist Church and had retired in 1969 from the Jay Garment Co., formerly of Portland, where she had worked for 40 years. She was a member of the Jay County Historical Society and a life member of the Tri-State Tractor and Steam Engine Association.

She was born Sept. 21, 1907, in Jay County to the late Birthel and Katie (Kneuss) Dynes.

On May 5, 1928, she married Charles A. Fry, who preceded her in death on May 1, 1991.

Surviving are a son, James Fry(and wife, Carolyn) of Angola; a daughter, Esther Imel(and husband, Cecil) of Portland; two brothers, George Dynes (and wife, Floine) of Geneva, and Gene Dynes (and wife, Shirley) of Bryant; a sister, Frances Shepherd of Berne; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, a brother and a great-grandson.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Gerald Hewson officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Portland.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jay County Fair Association.

Reva Gingerich

GARRETT — Reva F. Gingerich, 84, died Saturday at 6:05 p.m. in her Garrett home.

She was a bookkeeper at Garrett City Hall and an office employee for Gardner Construction, retiring in 1977. She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, rural Garrett, and Harmony Chapter 67 of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Gingerich was born May 26, 1914, in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late Roy and Orpha (Mills) Hill.

She married Donald W. Gingerich on July 1, 1939, in Kendallville. He died June 20, 1991.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jacqueline and James Knott of Garrett and Marcia and Jerald Chisholm of LaOtto; one brother, Victor Hill of Fort Wayne; one sister, Glenna Harnishfeger of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Jami Koble, Jeffery Knott, Chris Chisholm and Leigh Anne Western; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Erma Strouse, Freda Entriken and Lena Christlieb, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. An Eastern Star memorial service will be conducted Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John McFarland, pastor of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Mary E. DeMotte**, 92, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there two hours before services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Hilda Rehwinkel**, 89, died at 9:10 p.m. Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

James Hubbard Sr.

BUTLER — James E. Hubbard Sr., 67, died Sunday at 3:55 p.m. in Auburn.

Mr. Hubbard was retired from his work as truck driver for A&R Trucking and lived in Butler. He served in the U.S. Army.

He was born Aug. 18, 1931, in Allen, Ky., to the late Garner and Vada (Miller) Hubbard.

Hubbard

He married Shirley Franks on Jan. 30, 1982, in Shreve, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, James Jr., Mike and John, all of Lima, Ohio, and Gary of Butler; four daughters, Sandra Arnett and Catherine Hubbard, both of Lima, Margarett DeLeon of San Antonio, Texas, and Donna Martin of Logan, Ohio; three brothers, Donald Hubbard of Lima, William Hubbard of Delphos, Ohio, and Charles Norris of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Phyllis Hubbard of Ohio; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Rebecca Hubbard, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will begin Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church, with calling after noon. Pastor Ron Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will take place in the Butler Cemetery.

Norman Rausch

ANGOLA — Dr. Norman Wesley Rausch, 82, of Angola and New Smyrna, Fla., died Saturday at his Florida home.

Dr. Rausch was a family physician in Angola for 40 years. He also served as Steuben County coroner for 18 years.

A veteran of World War II, he was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge 236, the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, the Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne, the Pokagon Shrine Club, the Angola Elks Lodge 2398, the Steuben County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

He graduated from Duke University Medical School, and he and his son, Curt, renewed their Hippocratic oaths at Duke in 1995.

He was born Nov. 4, 1916, in Irvington, N.J., to the late Henry and Elizabeth (Burkhardt) Rausch.

On June 16, 1987, he married Jeanelle (Ringle) Rausch, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dr. Curt Rausch of Deland, Fla., and Dr. Dennis Rausch of Anstin, Fla.; a stepson, Rob Ringler of Warne, N.C.; two stepdaughters, Kimberly Rorick of Fort Wayne, and Lisa Van Greuningen of Riverside, Calif.; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Karli and Erik; and seven stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Adele Dorothy Rausch, on Oct. 19, 1986.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Masonic service will be conducted by the Angola Masonic Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Woodward Tucker

FORT WAYNE — Woodward "Woody" Tucker, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in the VA Medical Center.

A Noble County native, Mr. Tucker was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are two daughters, Katherine Boyd of Greenville, Tenn., and Loretta Tucker of Moshein, Tenn.; a son, Gaylard Tucker of Greenville; three sisters, Alice Trumbull and Deloris Parsley, both of Albion, and Mary Kidd of Ashley; a brother, George Tucker of Michigan; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery.

Visitation is one hour before services in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Esther Blanchard,** 66, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Grace Fraze

GARRETT — Grace M. Fraze, 88, died Feb. 20 in Sebring, Fla. A resident of Garrett, she was visiting her son in Sebring for the winter.

Mrs. Fraze was born in Kendallville. She was a former surgical nurse and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. She was instrumental in creating the Bargain Box, a thrift store with clothing available to the needy. She served for many years as treasurer of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary. She also tended to the ill and homebound.

Surviving are her husband, D.W. "Nick" Fraze; two sons, Doug of Sebring, Fla., and Jan of Otter Lake; one daughter, Nicci Korff of Fort Wayne ; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Garrett.

Morris Funeral Chapel in Sebring is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Putt

GARRETT — Donald E. Putt, 74, died Sunday in Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach, Fla.

He was born April 17, 1924, in Garrett to the late Douglas and Earlene Putt.

Surviving him are his wife, Claudette Putt; two sons, Larry of South Bend and Jerry of Clearwater, Fla.; one daughter, Sally Jo Kohler of Webster, N.Y.; one stepson, Christopher Helms of Nappanee; one brother, Douglas of Goshen; and one uncle, Robert Kruse of Connecticut.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett. Dr. R. Larry Smith will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Norman Rausch

ANGOLA — Dr. Norman Wesley Rausch, 82, of Angola and New Smyrna, Fla., died Saturday at his Florida home.

Dr. Rausch was a family physician in Angola for 40 years. He also served as Steuben County coroner for 18 years.

A veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 236, the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, the Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne, the Pokagon Shrine Club, the Angola Elks Lodge 2398, the Steuben County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

He graduated from Duke University Medical School, and he and his son, Curt, renewed their Hippocratic oaths at Duke in 1995.

He was born Nov. 4, 1916, in Irvington, N.J., to the late Henry and Elizabeth (Burkhardt) Rausch.

On June 16, 1987, he married Janelle (Ringle) Rausch, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dr. Curt Rausch of Deland, Fla., and Dr. Dennis Rausch of Austin, Texas.; a stepson, Rob Ringle of Warne, N.C.; two stepdaughters, Kimberly Rorick of Fort Wayne, and Lisa Van Greuningen of Riverside, Calif.; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Karli and Erik; and seven stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Adele Dorothy Rausch, on Oct. 19, 1986.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Masonic service will be conducted by the Angola Masonic Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Gretchen K. Yoder**, 83, died at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Ruth Duesler**, 91, died Tuesday at 5 p.m. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in St. James Chapel, Howe. Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jean D. Erne**, 52, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

SYRACUSE — **Dorothy M. Blackport**, 60, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Richville United Methodist Church, Ligonier, with calling there 2:30-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Edwin Smeltzer

FORT WAYNE — Edwin F. Smeltzer, 69, died Wednesday morning at his son's home in Harlan.

He retired in 1992 as a groundskeeper for the Fort Wayne City Park Board. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Smeltzer was born Dec. 18, 1929, to the late Earl and Lucille (Sonner) Smeltzer.

Surviving him are two sons, Ted of Harlan and Dan of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Lois Smeltzer of Fort Wayne, Megan Blain of Otter Lake, Janet Carl of Geneva, Ill., and Shelia Padilla of Calumet City, Ill.; one brother, Kenneth Smeltzer of Garrett; 12 grandchildren; and his former wife, Betty McCombs of Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 4 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with calling after 2 p.m. Pastor Steve Wagner will officiate.

Jeanette Ramey

SOUTH BEND — Jeanette C. Ramey, 83, died Tuesday at 4:20 a.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She retired as a teller at Key Bank in 1995 after 23 years of service. She had been a very active member of First Christian Church, South Bend, since 1930 and was a member of the Hearing and Speech Center Auxiliary and Order of the Eastern Star. She was a volunteer in many activities and was an avid card player. She had lived in South Bend since 1930, moving from Andrews.

Mrs. Ramey was born March 20, 1915, in Andrews to Henry and Myrtle (Fox) Rudig.

She married Jennings D. Ramey on June 1, 1935, in South Bend, and he preceded her in death June 18, 1988.

Surviving her are two daughters, Linda E. Distler of South Bend and Kathleen M. Ramey of Norwich, N.Y.; one son, Neil Ramey of Waterloo; a stepsister, Jean Orr of Menlo Park, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Carolyn Smith, and two brothers, James and Robert Rudig, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in First Christian Church, 1101 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, with Dr. William Wassner officiating. Cremation will take place at Michiana Crematory.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the church parlor. Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Welsheimer Funeral Homes, South Bend, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gary A. Dear**, 45, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Gospel-Land Ministries in Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home.

Deaths/Funerals

Stephen West

HOMER, Mich. — Stephen P. West, 88, of Homer, Mich., died Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in Oaklawn Hospital, Marshall, Mich.

Mr. West was a 1929 graduate of Alamosa High School in Colorado. He retired in 1975 as a machinist at A.O. Smith Co.

He was born April 17, 1910, in West Cliff, Colo., to Frank and Lillian (Elze) West, who preceded him in death. His first wife, Cliffie, died Dec. 26, 1998. His second wife, Dorothy, survives in Homer.

Also surviving are a son, Samuel West of Shreveport, La.; two daughters, Donna Falk and Carolyn Hansen, both of Castell, Texas; three stepsons, Maynard Williams of Homer, David Williams of Union City, Mich., and Larry Williams of Orland,; three stepdaughters, Lois Kreiser of Pleasant Lake, Annabelle Cole of Orland and Joyce Hartman of Hudson; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Glen Jefferies of the Assembly of God Church, Union City, Mich., officiating. Burial will be in Hudson Cemetery at Lyons Township, Wisconsin.

Memorial donations may be made are to the Assembly of God Church, Union City, Mich.

La Omer Bidwell

HELMER — La Omer M. "Tim" Bidwell, 84, died in his home at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday.

Mr. Bidwell was born in Wolcottville on March 15, 1914, in Wolcottville, to Ezra and Hazel (Stevenson) Bidwell. On Sept. 2, 1935, in Columbia City, he married Flossie Mohler, who preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 1998.

He was a 1932 graduate of Rome city High School and a 1933 graduate of the Purdue University Agricultural Short Course.

He was a member of Moose Lodge 1301 of Kendallville, a past president of Steuben County Cooperative Extension Services and a member of the board of directors of the Napoleon, Ohio, Egg Co.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Kirk (Sue) Root of Elkhart and Muriel Bidwell of Helmer; and two grandchildren, Tim Root of Seattle, Wash., and Katie Root of Elkhart.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by one sister, Marcella Hodge, who died in 1997.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Mooseheart, the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department or the Prairie Heights FFA chapter.

Area Deaths

TRI-LAKES — **Eugene S. "Bud" Darr**, 80, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church Saturday one hour before services.

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Deaths/Funerals

D. Douglas Fites

AUBURN — Duane Douglas Fites, 66, died Thursday afternoon in a crash on the Indiana Toll Road near South Bend.

He was principal of DeKalb High School from 1975 to 1990.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Kenneth Word

CAMDEN, Mich. — Kenneth L. Word, 84, died Thursday in Williams County Community Hospital in Montpelier, Ohio.

He was a farmer and former owner of the Camden Locker Plant, a school bus driver for Camden Schools, and a union carpenter of Fort Wayne Local. He retired from Simpson Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Word was a member of the Montgomery United Methodist Church, a lifetime and charter member of the Reading and Camden Lions Club, and a 4-H leader. He was a member of the former Camden Masonic Lodge, the Camden Fire Department, and the Camden Village Council.

He was born May 23, 1914, in Edon, Ohio, to the late John and Gladys (Royer) Word.

He married Thelma Hassett on April 17, 1938, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sharon Rigelman of Camden and Karen Troxell of Montgomery, Mich.; two sons, Bill of Camden and Wayne of Edon, Ohio; three brothers, Joe of Montpelier, and Dewayne and Carelton, both of Angola; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother preceded him in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in St. John-White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich.

His funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Diane Stone and Larry Rubingh officiating. Burial will take place in Camden Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Montgomery United Methodist Church or the Reading Emergency Unit.

Carrie Wildermuth

AUBURN — Carrie Jeanne Wildermuth, 87, died Thursday at 8:10 p.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was co-owner and co-manager of the Wildermuth Drug Store in Auburn, retiring in 1970. She was a graduate of Huntingotn High School and Manchester College, and did post-graduate work at Ball State University. She formerly lived on South Baxter Street in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she was an ordained elder, session clerk, a 20-year choir member, and treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 169 and the women's association.

She was a board member and first president of the local Dollars for Scholars. She was a member of the 100-person board for DeKalb Memorial Hospital, and delivered patient mail there for 22 years. She was an honorary member of the Ladies Literary Club and Kenwigs Literary Club. She was a 41-year member of P.E.O. Sisterhood and a past member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She and her husband were one of the original 17 couples who founded the Habanero Dance Club.

Mrs. Wildermuth was born Oct. 1, 1911, in Clarksville, Texas, to the late Otto and Lelia (Brickley) Fenton.

She married Jean M. Wildermuth on June 27, 1937, in Huntington. He died in 1970.

Surviving her are two sons, Jim of Goshen and Steve of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Bill Haworth officiating. An exact time of service will be announced later. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

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Ethel Logan

AUBURN — Ethel Logan, 87, died Thursday at 6:05 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a former employee of Den-Treville Corp. in Centerville, Mich. She formerly lived on Peterson Street, Auburn, and lived at Betz Nursing Home for the past four years. She was a member of the Church of the Cornerstone, Auburn.

Mrs. Logan was born Sept. 7, 1911, in Hamilton to the late Adam and Harriett (Winebrenner) Treesh.

She married Chalmer O. Elderidge on Oct. 11, 1932, in Goshen, and he was killed in World War II in 1944. She married Edward Logan on Oct. 1, 1946, in Goshen, and he died May 31, 1985.

Surviving her are one brother, Dail Treesh of Waterloo, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Donald, who was killed in the Korean Conflict in 1951; one brother and five sisters.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dean Woolard officiating. Burial will take place in the Tamarack Cemetery, rural Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Church of the Cornerstone.

Thelma Owens Aldrich

ORLAND — Thelma Owens Aldrich, 79, of Orland, died Wednesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She had worked at Electri-Tec in Angola.

She was born Oct. 12, 1919, in LaGrange County to the late Albert and Eunice (Rumsey) Whitcomb.

She is survived by a daughter, Pauline (and husband, Leland) Cleveland of Glendale Heights, Ill.; two grandchildren, Kevin Cleveland of Glendale Heights, and Lisa Conley of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Rex (and wife, Marie) Whitcomb of Pleasant Lake, and Ralph (and wife, Velma) Whitcomb of Orland; a companion, Iven Arnold; and several step-grandchildren, stepgreat-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Owens; her second husband, Frankie Aldrich; and a brother, Harold Whitcomb.

Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials may be made to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lois F. Beasley**, 67, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **James L. Sweeney**, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

SYRACUSE — **James Bernard Roberts**, 83, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in North Webster Church of the Brethren. Calling 1-5 p.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel.

Deaths/Funerals

Duane Douglas Fites

AUBURN — Duane Douglas Fites, 66, died Thursday at 2:15 p.m. in a crash on the Indiana Toll Road.

Mr. Fites was an educator from 1957 to 1990. He was the former assistant principal and athletic director at DeKalb High School. He then served as DeKalb's principal for 15 years, retiring in 1990.

He graduated from Tippecanoe High School, from Purdue University in 1955 and received a master's degree in administration from Ball State University. He taught and coached at schools in Claypool, Argos, Mentone and Fairmount.

He lived in Auburn and was a member of the Auburn Lions Club, Greenhurst Country Club, and St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, were he was a deacon and a member of Men of Integrity.

He was born Dec. 4, 1933, in Plymouth to the late Reuel and Geneva (Smith) Fites.

He married Nancy Williamson on Dec. 23, 1960, in Etna Green, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Todd of Moreton Paddox, England; one daughter, Lisa Fewell of Granger; one sister, Charlene Mielke of Wichita, Kan.; and three grandchildren.

One grandson died in Thursday's highway accident.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McGann Funeral Home, South Bend.

A funeral for Mr. Fites and his grandson, Charlie Fewell, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, South Bend.

A second funeral service will be conducted Monday at 8 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling after 5 p.m. The Rev. Donovan A. Coley Sr., pastor of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Dolph Combs

PLEASANT LAKE — Dolph Combs, 91, died Thursday at 1:45 p.m. in Oklahoma City, Okla.

He was a coal miner for 31 years, retiring in 1951. He worked in maintenance at Albion College in Albion, Mich., from 1966 to 1970. He lived in Pleasant Lake and was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo.

Combs

Mr. Combs was born Feb. 20, 1908, in Hindman, Ky., to the late Sim and Martha (Armstrong) Combs.

He married Minnie Smith on Aug. 10, 1934, in Garrett, Ky. She died Oct. 31, 1992.

Surviving him are three sons, Bill of Pleasant Lake, Rodney of Waterloo and John of Oklahoma City; one daughter, Betty McDonald of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, two brothers, three sisters, and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Freewill Baptist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Robert Slone and the Rev. Paul Slone will officiate. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Association.

Willard Hinschlager

AUBURN — Willard T. Hinschlager, 84, died Thursday at Byron Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

He was a tool-and-die maker with Rieke Corp. for 20 years, retiring in 1979, and was a native Of Milwaukee, Wis. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Surviving him are one daughter, Jane Hippensteel of Auburn; one brother, Elmer of Paulding, Ohio; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lena; two sons, Larry and DuWayne; a brother and a sister.

His funeral service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Northeast Indiana Chapter, 919 E. Jefferson Blvd., #01 South Bend IN 46617-3119.

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Elizabeth Smith

BUTLER — Elizabeth "Sue" Smith, 77, died Tuesday at 6:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Smith worked at Safety Cab Service in Fort Wayne and Auburn Motor Sales in Fort Wayne before retiring.

She was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Fulton, Mo., to the late Andrew and Lena (Ratekin) Garrison.

She married Robert L. Smith on Feb. 23, 1944, in Phenix City, Ala., and he died in July 1994.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and David Davis of Butler; a son, Robert W. of Carlisle, Ind., an aunt, Mary F. Miller of Fulton, Mo.; two sisters, Billie Gillman of Ossian and Katie Lunn of Newport, N.C.; one sister-in-law, Pat Garrison, and her family; two granddaughters, Dawn Jacquay of Auburn and Sandra Banks of Butler; and three great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Brandon and LaTasha Lynn Banks.

One grandson, David Davis Jr., and one brother, Richard Garrison, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Monday in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor Lynn Shaffer will officiate. Burial will take place in Harlan Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Foundation.

Ethel Logan

AUBURN — Ethel Logan, 87, died Thursday at 6:05 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a former employee of Den-Treville Corp. in Centerville, Mich. She formerly lived on Peterson Street, Auburn, and lived at Betz Nursing Home for the past four years. She was a member of the Church of the Cornerstone, Auburn.

Mrs. Logan was born Sept. 7, 1911, in Hamilton to the late Adam and Harriett (Winebrenner) Treesh.

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Surviving her are one brother, Paul Treesh of Goshen, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Donald, who was killed in the Korean Conflict in 1951; one brother and five sisters.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dean Woolard officiating. Burial will take place in the Tamarack Cemetery, rural Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Church of the Cornerstone.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Velda M. Sherwood**, 85, of Swan Township in Noble County, died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, following a period of declining health. Friends may call at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, Sunday from 2-7 p.m. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Ben Keckler of the Parkwood Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Deaths/Funerals

Edith Miller

WATERLOO — Edith Mae Miller, 71, died Sunday at 10:50 p.m. in her home on County Road 39.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, its rosary altar society and the St. Rose of Lima Study Club. She was also a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and the Hobby Club and Shuffleboard Club in Zephyrhills, Fla.

She was born April 29, 1927, in Garrett to the late Arthur H. and Sarah A. (Foster) Woodcock.

She married Ambrose Miller on Feb. 12, 1947, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons, James A. and Max A., both of Waterloo, David J. of Summerville, S.C., and Richard L. of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Anita M. Senesac of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Roger G. Woodcock of Corunna and Ralph A. Woodcock of Santa Barbara, Calif.; three sisters, Margaret Truman of California, Patricia Sutton of Fort Wayne and Florence Bernot of Fremont; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Stanley A.; two brothers, Alfred and Arthur Woodcock; and one sister, Charlotte Shutt.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A wake service will be conducted Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Paul Egly

CHURUBUSCO — Paul E. Egly, 74, died at 5:10 p.m. Saturday in Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City, where he had been a patient since Wednesday.

Mr. Egly was born Aug. 26, 1924, in Yoder to Albert and Sylvia (Blair) Egly. He was married to Harriet L. Davis, who preceded him in death June 27, 1988.

He spent his formative years in the Yoder and Poe area and had lived in Fort Wayne, east of Churubusco and then at Tri-Lakes for 13 years before moving to Churubusco in 1984.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the Columbia City American Legion Post.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David P. and Margaret Egly of Angola; a daughter, Patricia Arnold of Arcola, and a daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Matt Wass of Churubusco; one brother, Howard Egly of Angola; one sister, Edith Dawson of Van Wert, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Ann Egly, and by six brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Edward A. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Kaitlin Miller

SPENCERVILLE — Kaitlin Miller, 2 months old, died Friday at her Spencerville home.

Surviving her are her parents, Sandra and Paul Miller; three sisters, Courtney, Megan and Cassie, all at home; her grandparents, Dean Baker of Spencerville, Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett, Vickie Miller of Avilla, and Ray Miller of Connersville; and a great-grandmother, Meriam McNamara of Auburn.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Bohler

FREMONT — Robert E. Bohler, 60, died Friday at 11:53 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bohler worked in truck repair for 32 years at Navistar in Springfield, Ohio, retiring in 1995. He lived in Fremont and was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo. He attended Indian Village Church of God, Auburn. He was a member and board member of Fort Wayne Inner City Mission.

He was born April 18, 1938, in Waterloo to the late Elmer and Opal (Stayer) Bohler.

Surviving him are three sons, Greg Bohler and Adrian Fairchild, both of Garrett and Mark Bohler of Corunna, and two daughters-in-law, Susan Bohler of Garrett and Deb Bohler of Corunna; two daughters, Amy Upp-Wilson of Michigan and Valerie Fairchild of Chicago; one brother, Everett of Helmer; two sisters, Phyllis Dunn of Angola and Thelma Myers of Auburn; six grandchildren; and his fiancé of 19 years, Lola Fairchild.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. Paul Burrus will officiate, with burial in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Clarence Pickering

WAWAKA — Clarence "Hank" Pickering, 74, died Saturday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Pickering was born Jan. 1, 1925, in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired from ADM in Huntertown in 1986 after 10 years as an electronic technician.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Bill Heimer of Fort Wayne and Dawn Schricker of New Haven; one sister, Janet Till of Angola; one brother, James Pickering of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1127 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

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Area Deaths

ALBION — **Roderick C. "Rod" Johnson**, 71, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Robert L. Ackerman Sr.**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Beatrice Irene Pankop**, 95, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dora V. Workman**, 79, died Friday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Joanne F. Kimmell**, 61, a resident of Big Cedar Lake, died at 10:23 a.m. Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Juanita M. Patterson**, 60, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

HOUSTON, Texas — Funeral services for **Donald R. Sparkman**, 38, a Kendallville native who died Friday in a traffic accident in Houston, Texas, are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

SOUTH WHITLEY — **Carmen Berniece Zumbrun**, 85, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Velda Sherwood

CHURUBUSCO — Velda M. Sherwood, 85, of Swan Township in Noble County, died Thursday at 7:20 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, following a period of declining health.

Mrs. Sherwood was a lifelong resident of Swan Township, and spent her formative years on the family farm there. She graduated from LaOtto High School in 1931. She had lived in the same home northeast of Churubusco since 1942. She entered the nursing home three weeks ago.

She was born May 1, 1913, in Swan Township to Frank and Bertha B. (Eberly) Fulk. On Nov. 29, 1934, near Churubusco, she married Claude V. "Pete" Sherwood, who preceded her in death Sept. 20, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters, Joan Gray of rural Churubusco and Karen Dicke of Huntertown; a son-in-law, Stanley Gray of rural Churubusco; a brother, Jesse Fulk of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Todd Dicke and Lisa Allen, both of Huntertown, Troy Dicke of Kendallville, Kirk Gray of Churubusco, and Claudia Stephan of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 10 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Ben Keckler of the Parkwood Church of God officiating. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorial donations may be made to the Provena Sacred Heart Home Foundation, Avilla.

Naomi Wilson

HAMILTON — Naomi Jean Wilson, 75, died Saturday in her Hamilton home.

Mrs. Wilson was a homemaker and also worked at General Telephone in Angola from 1942 to 1952. She attended Metz Christian Church.

She was born Oct. 18, 1923, in Steuben County to the late Robert and Edith (Kinsey) Cole.

She married Marlin Gerald Wilson on Jan. 20, 1952, and he died April 21, 1984.

Surviving are one son, Jim Wilson of Hamilton; one daughter, Becky Wilson of Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Betty L. Leitch, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will take place in Hamilton Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Cora Black

AUBURN — Cora E. Black, 91, died Sunday at 11:50 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and lived on County Road 27, Auburn. She formerly lived in Roann.

She was born Dec. 24, 1907, in French Lick. She married Kenneth L. Black on Sept. 1, 1950, in Valparaiso, and he died Feb. 25, 1989.

Surviving her are two daughters, Judith Elaine Horn of Auburn and Gloria Jean Cordill of Roanoke; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

One brother preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Roann United Methodist Church, with calling after noon. The Rev. Bob Armstrong will officiate, with burial in Roann Community Cemetery.

McCloskey-Hamilton-Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of arrangements.

Esther Whittecar

GARRETT — Esther Marie Whittecar, 95, died Monday at 10:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and formerly lived on East Covell Street in Garrett.

Mrs. Whittecar was born Jan. 14, 1904, in Avilla to the late Joseph and Caroline (Dapp) Deuitch.

She married Myron E. Whittecar on June 11, 1921, and he died April 4, 1973.

Surviving her are two sons, Eugene of LaGrange and James S. of Auburn; one daughter, Shirley Emenhiser of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Monroe Francis and David James; two daughters, Patricia Louise Whittecar and Mary Rose Tuttle; and five brothers, Edward, Dewey, William, Gus and Domenick Deuitch.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

C. Rick McCann

BUTLER — C. Rick "Rickey" McCann, 49, died Monday in Butler.

Mr. McCann was employed by Passages Inc. of Columbia City. He formerly worked at Auburn Gear and was owner-operator of McCann's Auto Repair. He served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army and was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202. He lived in Butler.

He was born June 30, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Robert "Red" and Jean (Deventer) McCann. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters, Brooke McCann of Butler and Joleen Ramon of Auburn; four sisters, Vicki Grogg, Penny Houser and Robyn Miller, all of Butler, and Susan Harrold of Greybull, Wyo.; and one grandchild, Sarah Ramon of Auburn.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will begin Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation will follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Area Deaths

KETTERING, Ohio — **Ruth O. Rea**, 77, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday in Tobias Funeral Home, Far Hills Chapel, 5471 Far Hills Ave., and one hour prior to services Saturday in the church.

WOLF LAKE — **John Parkison**, 76, a lifelong resident of Wolf Lake, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

SYRACUSE — **Dr. Harold Hazenfield**, 87, of Goshen, died Sunday at Goshen General Hospital. He had pastored a United Methodist church in Wolcottville and served as a conference superintendent and was elected executive editor of church materials for 26 years. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Calvary United Methodist Church, Syracuse, with calling following the services.

WARSAW — **W. Deuane Ritchison**, 58, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Stoner

LAOTTO —Charles Jay "Chuck" Stoner, 53, died Monday at 3 p.m. in a tractor accident near his home on DeKalb County Road 1, LaOtto.

Mr. Stoner was a self-employed machinist. He had retired in October from National Plastics, where he worked for 28 years. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Oct. 20, 1945, in Fort Wayne to the late Arthur Jay and Hilda C. (Hoeppner) Stoner.

He married Marjorie A. Rothgeb on Oct., 14, 1966, in Hoagland, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bill of Fort Wayne and Dan of Auburn; and a daughter, Susie Stoner of LaOtto.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home, with calling after noon. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Jo Amber Colby

AUBURN — Jo Amber Colby, 51, died Tuesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Alvin, of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Shelly Hamilton of Jackson, Mich; two daughters, Corinda Hamilton of Ypsilanti, Mich., and April Colby of Jackson; her mother, Dorothy Mueller of Jackson; one brother, Wayne Mueller of Jackson; and four grandchildren, Tony, Jeffrie, Scarlett and Arika.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Patience-Montgomery Funeral Home, 406 First St., Jackson.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Gethesemane United Brethren Church, 5225 Clinton Road, Jackson.

Irene Blodgett

AUBURN — Irene M. Blodgett, 82, died Monday at 1:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Blodgett was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn since 1984. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and was a avid Chicago Cubs fan and Yahtzee player.

She was born May 8, 1916, in Elkhart to the late Harley C. and Mable M. (Benton) Bowlby.

She married Joseph R. Blodgett on Dec. 25, 1937, in Elkhart and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sherry Blodgett of New York City and Maryann B. Wilshire of Wixom, Mich.; two sisters, Polly Thornton of Howe and Evelyn Jones of Seminole, Fla.; and two granddaughters, Cathleen Wilshire of West Lafayette and Betsy Wilshire of East Lansing, Mich.

One sister, Vera Parazoo, and three brothers, Robert, Russell and Harry Bowlby, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at noon in Prairie Street Cemetery in Elkhart. The Rev. Ronald P. Bowman of Bethel United Methodist Church will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

James Adams

KENDALLVILLE — James S. Adams, 21, died at 12:30 a.m. Monday in Kendallville.

Mr. Adams was born Aug. 2, 1977, in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his stepfather John Staley of Fort Wayne and his mother, Terri (Whitehurst) Staley of Garrett. On Feb. 12 in Albion, he married Holly Leitch, who survives.

Surviving along with his parents and wife are maternal grandparents Kenneth and Ruby Whitehurst of Fort Wayne; a paternal grandmother, LeMoile Staley of Fort Wayne; two aunts, Vicki Lovell and Bobbi Aker, both of Dayton, Ohio; and an uncle, Kenneth William Whitehurst of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Codell Taulbee Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Codell Taulbee Sr., 63, died at 3:58 a.m. Monday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Taulbee was born June 9, 1935, in Hazard, Ky., to Chester and Mary (Gillum) Taulbee.

He lived in Kendallville most of his life and had worked for Newman Foundry.

Surviving are two sons, Darrel Taulbee of Auburn and Codell Taulbee Jr. of Huntertown; three sisters, Eula Vanderbush of Cleveland, Ohio, Viola Butler of Churubusco and Reva Christleb of Utah; two brothers, Bob Taulbee of Fort Wayne and Rick Taulbee of Auburn; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

One son, John, preceded him in death in July 1998.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Lake View Cemetery Chapel, Kendallville with the Rev. Sonny Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is in the chapel one hour before services Thursday.

Ida Mae Slentz

GARRETT — Ida Mae Slentz, 97, died Tuesday at noon in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Slentz had worked as a supervisor in the Walnut Room at Marshall Fields in Chicago.

She was born April 24, 1901, in Hudson to the late Marshall L. and Mary Mae (Conkle) Andrews.

She married Loren J. Slentz, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one sister, Blanche Williams of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Claude Andrews, and one sister, Vesta Birdena Brandon.

Friends may call Friday from 3-7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Larry Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

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Harold McEntarfer

WATERLOO — Harold Wayne McEntarfer, 76, died Tuesday at 10:40 a.m. at his Waterloo home.

Mr. McEntarfer was an electrician with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 305 in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a former president and member of the Waterloo Town Board and was active in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, Auburn, where he served on numerous committees.

He was born May 14, 1922, in Waterloo to the late Ed and Edna (Snyder) McEntarfer.

He married Marilyn J. Gushwa on June 28, 1941, in South Bend United Brethren Church, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two sons, Robert of Wyoming and Wayne of Butler; one daughter, Beverly McEntarfer of Upper Montclair, N.J.; one sister, Betty McAlpin of Auburn; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One sister, Maxine Walsh, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin Saturday at 11 a.m. in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, with Pastor David Snodderly officiating. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Gerald Sigler

WILDWOOD, Fla. — Gerald Sigler, 87, died Saturday at his home in Wildwood, Fla.

Mr. Sigler was a Noble County farmer until he moved to Florida in 1953. He worked in agriculture in Florida, and later purchased land to build and operate a trailer park. He was a member of the Wildwood United Methodist Church.

He was born Dec. 29, 1911, in LaGrange to the late Charlie and Sadie (North) Sigler.

He married Virginia Boring on Feb. 18, 1939, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jimmy and Alan, both of Wildwood; one daughter, Sally Goodyear of Lake Placid, Fla.; one brother, Harley Sigler of Auburn; one stepbrother, Charles Hern of Sun City, Ariz.; nine sisters and one great-grandchild.

One sister, Gertrude Heltvel, and one half-brother, Dean Sigler, preceded him in death.

Services were held in Florida. Memorial contributions may be given to Wildwood United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Soul's Harbor Missions Fund.

Karen Nagel

ANGOLA — Karen Dee Nagel, 58, of Angola, died Sunday at Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers, Fla.

Mrs. Nagel was a homemaker and a member of the Psi Iota Xi sorority in Angola.

She was born Aug. 14, 1940, in Angola to Lloyd and Billie Jo (Enslen) Reese. Her mother survives in Port Charlotte, Fla.

On July 23, 1960, she married Kenneth Nagel, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Wendy (and husband, Jeff) Platt of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sue Smith of Port Charlotte; a brother, Devon Reese of Fremont; and two grandchildren, Andy and Cory Platt.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Fund and Cameron Assisted Living Center, Angola.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Donald Ray Sparkman**, 38, died Friday in an automobile accident in Houston, Texas. Services at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, at 11 a.m. Friday, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

KENDALLVILLE — **James S. Adams**, 21, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

WARREN — **Glen Falk**, 74, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Glancy Funeral Home, H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Kristine Bowling

ST. JOE — Kristine A. Reinig Bowling, 30, died Wednesday at her home in St. Joe.

She was employed with Cambridge Industries (formerly Eagle-Picher) for three years.

She was born in Fort Wayne to Virgil and Monica Reinig, who survive in Spencerville. Her husband, Terry M. Bowling, also survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Alissa, and a son, Kalub, both at home; a stepson, Brandon Bowling of Sherwood, Ohio; a sister, Karen Reinking of Monroe; and two brothers, Keith Reinig of Leo and Kevin Reinig of St. Joe.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne; and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne. A vigil service will be held at 7:45 tonight in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the church. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Trust for Bowling Children at Grabill Bank, Leo.

David Miller

AUBURN — David D. Miller, 44, died Wednesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Miller was a plant engineer at Dalton Foundry in Kendallville for 15 years. He was a 1973 graduate of Ottoville High School in Ohio and a 1978 graduate of Tri-State University in Angola.

He was born Dec. 3, 1954, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Kenneth A. and Dorothy A. (Becker) Miller. They survive in Ottoville, Ohio.

Also surviving are one brother, Lester Miller of Brighton, Mich.; one sister, Cecelia Camp of Castle Rock, Colo.; a grandmother, Gertrude E. Miller of Ottoville; one niece, Cheryl Miller; and two nephews, Matthew Miller and Nathan Camp.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Friends also may call Saturday from 5-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-9 p.m. in Kolkmeyer Helmkamp Orians Funeral Home in Ottoville. A parish wake service will begin Sunday at 8 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will begin Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ottoville, with the Rev. Sylvan Obergefell officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Ottoville.

Kolkmeyer Helmkamp Orians Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Shuler

ANGOLA — Kenneth D. Shuler, 64, of Angola, died Monday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Shuler was a U.S. Army veteran and had worked as a police officer for the Fort Wayne, Bronson, Mich., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., departments until his retirement.

He was born March 11, 1934, in Fort Wayne to the late Donald A. and Marcella (Hubbard) Shuler.

Surviving are a son, Brandon Lee Shuler of Union City, Mich.; a brother, Ronald Shuler of Ashley; a half-brother, Donald Shuler of White Pigeon, Mich.; and a sister, Carol Westfall of Columbus, Ohio.

There will be no calling. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Brandon Shuler trust fund.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Roanne Fry**, 62, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with calling there one hour prior to services.

LAGRANGE — Graveside funeral services for **Baby Boy Bontrager**, who was stillborn Thursday at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange, will be held today at 2 p.m. in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange C.R. 300W, with Amish Bishop Marvin Graber officiating. Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, was in charge of arrangements.

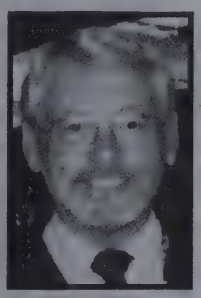
LAGRANGE — **James L. Gerard**, 69, died March 10 in Vencor Hospital — LaGrange. There will be no services or calling and burial will be at a later date in St. Anne's, Morovo, Ind.

LEESBURG — **Delbert H. Galloway**, 96, died Wednesday. The Noble County native was a dairy farmer and was a founding director of Milk Inc. and served on its board of directors from 1970-1974. Services at 3 p.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there two hours before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Raver Sr.

AUBURN — Paul C. Raver Sr., 55, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.


Raver

Mr. Raver was a 1962 graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne and a 1967 graduate of Indiana University at Bloomington. While at Indiana University, he was a dean's list student and won a Cornelius-Van Tress Scholarship to study one year at Durham University in England.

He was a graduate of Indiana University ROTC and a veteran of the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant in the armor branch. He was an active reservist and received the National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal and Presidential Meritorius Service Medal.

In 1972, he graduated summa cum laude from the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington. While in law school, he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Student Bar Association, and served as the head notes and articles editor of the law journal.

He was employed as an associate at the Hunt, Suedhoof, Borror and Eilbacher law firm in Fort Wayne before going into his own practice as Raver & Associates in Fort Wayne.

He was a staunch Republican and in 1994, he and his wife hosted a party at their rural Auburn home for Sen. Richard Lugar.

He recently received honors for his participation as a board member of the Selective Service, Indiana Local Board 14, and a Distinguished Hoosier Award from Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

He was born March 6, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Loren C. and Dorthey E. Raver.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne A.; three children, Jenifer E. Raver of Georgetown, Ky., Paul C. Raver Jr. of Philadelphia, and Carrie M. Raver of Chicago; a son-in-law, Timothy J. O'Keefe of Chicago; and a brother, Judson Raver of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A funeral service will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Episcopal Church on Berry Street in Fort Wayne. Father Frank Moss will officiate. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Manic Depression Association, Chicago, or Lutheran Hospital.

Mary Brewer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Mary Margaret (Day) Brewer, 80, died Wednesday, March 3, in St. George, Utah.

She was a homemaker and formerly lived in Ohio. She attended and was very active in the Goodyear Heights Nazarene Church and Tallmadge Nazarene Church, both in Tallmadge, Ohio.

Mrs. Brewer was born Dec. 7, 1918, in Buchtel, Ohio, to the late Grover Cleveland and Alice Jesse (Conley) Day.

She married Wesley Edward Brewer on May 15, 1938, and he died in 1972.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Samuel J. and Kim Brewer of Garrett, and the Rev. Daniel and Carolyn Brewer, missionaries in Chiclayo, Peru; one daughter and son-in-law, Jodie and John Kromroy of St. George; three brothers, John Day and David Day, both of Akron, Ohio, and Charles Day of Florida; three sisters, Viola Cain, Doris Powell and Marjorie Talkington, all of Akron; 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Brenner; an infant son, Thomas; three sisters, Molly Carmen, Jean Farnsworth and Leona Day; and one brother, Theodore Conley Day.

Her funeral service was held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Southeast Church of the Nazarene in Tallmadge, with the Rev. Roger Higgenbotham officiating. Burial was in Hillside Memorial Park.

Diana Groves

ANGOLA — Diana H. Groves, 55, of Angola, died Thursday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Groves was a homemaker. She was born May 28, 1943, in Kendallville to Ailene (Spice) Holden and the late Kenneth Holden. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her husband, Larry James Groves of Angola; a son, Hoyt White of Seattle; two sisters, Janice Acres of Reno, Nev., and Sharon Shaffer of Yuma, Ariz.; and a brother, Kaye Holden of Kendallville.

A memorial service will be conducted Monday at 11:30 a.m. in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Evelyn V. Berry**, 87, of Avilla, died at 11:42 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla after a brief illness. Graveside services will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Deaths/Funerals

Martha Conrad

BEAUFORT, S.C. — Martha Runyan Conrad, 87, died Friday in Beaufort, S.C.

A former Auburn resident, she served as president and chairman of the board of Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. Inc. from 1971 until 1992. She served as a trustee emeritus of Tri-State University in Angola. She was a 1934 graduate of the University of Michigan.

She provided charitable support to numerous local and national organizations, including funding scholarships at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich., Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., and Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C. She also donated the Howard P. Conrad Chemical Engineering Facility at Tri-State University.

Mrs. Conrad was born Dec. 27, 1911, in South Haven, Mich., to the late Cecil and Louisa (Tall) Runyan.

She married Howard P. Conrad in September 1937 and he died in 1971.

Surviving her are her children, Suzanne McGarity of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Patricia Schwarz of St. Clair, Mich., and H. Phillip Conrad Jr. of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will begin Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in St. Clair, with calling this evening at L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home. Burial will be in Hillside Cemtery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Tri-State University, Angola.

Opal Mallory

KENDALLVILLE — Opal G. "Bubba" Mallory, 93, of Kendallville, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born in Woodward, Okla., Aug. 3, 1905, to Otis and Nancy Elizabeth (Parsons) Munson. On Aug. 28, 1927, in Woodward Methodist Church, she married Alford Wayne Mallory. He preceded her in death Nov. 4, 1977.

Mrs. Mallory was a 1923 graduate of Woodward High School and a 1927 graduate of Northwestern Normal School with a four-year teaching degree. She had taught in Double Star School, a one-room school, for three years. She was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Alva, Okla.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Wright of Kendallville, and Mrs. Robert (E. Waynell) Wiebener of Alva, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Pearl Munson of Woodward; six grandchildren, Mrs. Art (Donna Marie) Mahagan and Robert and Laurie H. Wiebener, all of Denver, Lt. Col. John and Debbie Wiebener of Kusan, Korea, James A. Wiebener of Mannheim, Germany, Mrs. Greg (Cathey) McNeal of Corunna, and Chris Wright of Lansing, Mich.; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Provena Sacred Heart Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Alva Municipal Cemetery in Alva. Additional services will be held in First Christian Church in Alva at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Dr. Tom Norman officiating.

Preferred memorials are to First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Bea Farrington

ASHLEY — Bea Farrington, 82, died Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Farrington was a homemaker. She formerly worked at the Bait Factory in Ashley, as a waitress and cook in Ashley area restaurants, and at Custom Dry Cleaners in Ashley. She was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women.

She was born Jan. 4, 1917, in Auburn to the late David and Delcie (Deetz) Roop.

She married Clark E. Farrington on May 23, 1936, in Albion. He died May 16, 1989.

Surviving her are a son, Don of Ashley; two daughters, Sharon Diehm of Fort Wayne and Wylene Signs of North Manchester; one sister, Eileita Miller of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Dorsey Roop, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Ashley United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Kent Dale will officiate. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Claude Presley

ASHLEY — Claude Presley, 84, died Saturday at 5 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Presley was a self-employed timber buyer and farmer and lived in Ashley. He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley-Hudson.

He was born Oct. 27, 1914, in Buchanan, Ky., to the late Josh and Addie (White) Presley.

He married Hazel Moore on Sept. 15, 1940, in Fallsburg, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Bill of Avilla, Sam of Angola, and Chris of Ashley; two daughters, Sandy Gaetz of Angola and Judy Krafft of St. Joe; one brother, Linzy Presley of Hamilton; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will take place in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or DeKalb County Heart Association.

Richard Swaim

GLADWIN, Mich. — Richard W. Swaim, 55, died Thursday at 3:36 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

Mr. Swaim was a construction worker and then owned Dick's Bait Shop at Tri-Lakes in Whitley County. He then co-owned Joe's Place in Ashley with his sister. He was a truck driver for TNT Trucking for the past 15 years.

He grew up in Fort Wayne and lived in Tri-Lakes for 20 years. He moved to Albion in 1997 and to Gladwin in May 1998. He attended Central High School in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963.

He was born May 4, 1943, in Fort Wayne to the late Dick M. and Ruth (Ertl) Swaim.

He married Janice E. Burris on June 5, 1990, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two stepsons, Lloyd Perry and Rod Perry, both of Columbia City; one stepdaughter, Stacey Batesole of Columbus, Ohio; an aunt, Agnes Schroeder of New Haven; six grandchildren, two nieces and three nephews.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor J. Stoltzfus of the Cornerstone Christian Alliance officiating. Burial will take place in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Elizabeth Smith

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Elizabeth "Bette" Smith, 78, of Vero Beach, died Saturday at Indian River Hospital in Florida.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and moved to Vero Beach from Indiana 15 years ago.

She was born in Angola on April 10, 1920, to John and Irma (Morse) Goudy.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ronald Smith of Vero Beach; a son, Ronald Smith Jr., of Cary, N.C.; two sisters, Sue Sanxter of Angola and Florence Hatcher of Greencastle; and two grandchildren.

Two brothers, George and Jack Goudy, preceded her in death.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with a memorial service to be set for a later date. Memorial gifts may be given to the American Diabetes Association, 1101 Destiny Road, Maitland, FL 32751.

The Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

BRIMFIELD — **John W. Franks** died Thursday. Services Wednesday in Virginia.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Nellie A. Vandersaul**, 82, died Saturday. Arrangements are pending in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Deaths/Funerals

HOWE — **Richard D. Butcher**, 45, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, with calling there from 11 a.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday and Friday until services.

TOPEKA — **Mary Ann Miller**, 79, died Monday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the David Miller residence, 5645W — 800S, Ligonier. Calling after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday in the Lloyd Miller residence at 5289S — 1200N-57, Topeka.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dorothy R. Ramel**, 71, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

The Evening Star, Wed., March 17, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Maxine Hantz

ANGOLA — M. Maxine "Mac" Hantz, 71, of Angola, died Tuesday at her residence. She was a homemaker.

She was born June 2, 1927, in Steuben County to the late Robert and Alice (Robinson) Hantz.

Surviving are two brothers, Ronald and Donald Hantz, both of Angola; a sister, Wilma Waters Draper of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean and Alfred Hantz.

Friends may call Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Beatrice Hays

GARRETT — Beatrice P. Hays died Tuesday at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Norman C. Berkes**, 94, former Noble County auditor and board member of First Federal Savings and Loan Association for 23 years, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lutheran Home chapel, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., with calling there 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Dale R. Meyer**, 66, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Helen E. Barnum**, 85, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-7 p.m. Friday.

MERRIAM — **Helen B. Walker**, 89, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

MONROEVILLE — **Betty P. "Boots" Ball**, 73, died at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Bertha L. Deal

Fort Wayne — 1907-1999

Bertha L. Deal, 91, of Fort Wayne, a volunteer at Parkview for 17 years, died Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at home.

"She was the oldest living member of Westminster Presbyterian Church."

The Spencerville native retired in 1971 from Parkview Hospital in Central Supply.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurel Morrolf of Fort Wayne; a son, Douglass of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, and twin sons.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with calling from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., 422-4232.

Services for Calamanda Nixon were held on Monday, March 1 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Pallbearers were Robert Overy, Daryl Severson, Douglas Overy, Bruce Getts, Tom Kurtz and Andrew Overy. Honorary pallbearers includes Mitchell Getts, Steven Overy, Joseph Overy and Michael Finley. Father Thom Lombardi officiated and services were directed by Jarrod Kohn and Dennis Sparks of McKee-Miles Funeral Home. March 99

The Evening Star, Thurs., March 18, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Beatrice Hays

GARRETT — Beatrice P. Hays, 94, died Tuesday at 7:12 p.m. at Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

Mrs. Hays was a homemaker and formerly lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and Garrett Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Jan. 30, 1905, in Wells County to the late Homer Ellsworth and Zelda (Johnson) Morris.

She married Hudson Hays on Oct. 21, 1925, in Toledo, Ohio, and he died July 5, 1961.

Surviving her are three daughters, Nancy Treesh of Auburn, Jeannette Jacob of Kendallville and Jo McWilliams of Deland, Fla.; three sons, William "Bill" Hays and Hudson Hays, both of Garrett, and Richard Hays of Orange City, Fla.; one sister, Dael Ealy of Easton, Md.; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will begin Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Dr. R. Larry Smith, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will take place in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to her church.

William Jackson

FREMONT — William T. Jackson, 73, of Fremont, died Tuesday evening at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jackson was retired from Fremont Manufacturing. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion and the Fremont United Methodist Church.

He was born May 5, 1925, in Wayne, Mich., to the late Arthur and Nora Jackson.

Surviving are two sons, Murrel Jackson of Angola, and William Jackson II (and wife, Pam) of Angola; a daughter, Nadean VanderHaag (and husband, David) of Fremont; three sisters, Vala Callaway of Edon, Ohio, Hermena Bradley of Lancaster, Calif., and Valta Tykowsky of Jonesboro, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, in 1997; a great-granddaughter and an infant brother.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

His funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Rittenouse officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fremont United Methodist Church building fund.

Paul Clark

FORT WAYNE — Paul Frederick Clark, 82, died Tuesday in Renaissance Village, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clark worked at J.C. Penney for 22 years, then worked as a self-employed accountant in Charlotte, Mich. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 120, F.& A.M., in Charlotte. He was an avid golfer and loved his Masonic work.

He was born Sept. 27, 1916, in Huntington. His wife, Roanna Clark, died in 1989.

He is survived by one daughter, Janet Tellas of Fort Wayne; one son, the Rev. Edwin L. Clark of Hamilton; four brothers, Dale and Joe, both of Andrews, Ross of Bradford, Ohio, and Jim of Glendale, Ariz.; two sisters, Ruth Seaman of Decatur and Millie Tullis of Orland; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will begin Friday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will take place in Lindenwood Cemetery.

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Beulah Krontz

HAMILTON — Beulah Faye Krontz, 93, died Wednesday afternoon at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Krontz had been a cook at the Pokagon State Park lodge in Angola.

She was born Dec. 31, 1905, in DeKalb, Mo., to the late Fred Ernest and Ada (Allison) Linville. She married Andrew Krontz, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. John (Gwendolyn) Cotterman of Hamilton; and one sister, Mavis McClurg of DeKalb, Mo.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Venetta Waller, Gladys Word, and Lola Maxine Linville; and one brother, Lester Linville.

A private graveside memorial service will be held at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery. There will be no calling hours.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Maxine Hantz

ANGOLA — M. Maxine "Mac" Hantz, 71, of Angola, died Tuesday at her residence. She was a homemaker.

She was born June 2, 1927, in Steuben County to the late Robert and Alice (Robinson) Hantz.

Surviving are two brothers, Ronald "Mike" Hantz and Donald "Ike" Hantz, both of Angola; a sister, Wilma Waters Draper of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean and Alfred Hantz.

Friends may call Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice.

William McKinley

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — William R. "Bugs" McKinley II, 69, died Tuesday at 7:09 p.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. McKinley worked for Hagerman Construction Co. and Brooks Construction Co., both in Fort Wayne. He also worked for Haver Construction Co. in Hicksville. He retired as a cement finisher in 1977. He lived on Pearl Street in Hicksville and attended school there.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving from January 1951 to October 1952. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville and the National Rifle Association.

He was born April 21, 1929, in Hicksville to the late William R. and Allie (Patterson) McKinley.

He married Bonnell Brown on May 15, 1955, in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, William III of Hicksville; one daughter, Janelle Lowe of Olivia, Minn.; two sisters, Mary Alene McKinley of Prescott, Ariz., and Betty Hughes of Defiance, Ohio; and one grandson.

One sister, Doris Woods, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, is in charge of arrangements.

Opal Stoy

ANGOLA — Opal Irene Stoy, 81, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was the co-owner of the Half-Way Truck Stop in Pleasant Lake from 1962-68. She also was the co-owner of the Sweet Shop in Ashley, and Shumaker's Market.

She was born Sept. 4, 1917, in Hamilton, to the late Floyd and Laura (Kaufman) Musser.

She is survived by five sons, Frank of Tampa, Fla., Lealon Jr. of Ashley, and Jerry, David and Robert, all of Angola; two daughters, Joyce Bailey of Angola and Patricia Northup of Orland; eight sisters, Georgia Hartman and Alta Gettis, both of Waterloo, Wava Metzler of Edon, Ohio, Reba Lucas of Bryan, Ohio, Vera Smith of Hamilton, Velma Ellert of Ashley, Ruth Hire of North Manchester, and Janice DeYoung of Corunna; 21 grandchildren and several great- and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lealon Stoy Sr., on April 21, 1993, a son, a brother and a sister.

There will be no calling or funeral services. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Jeanne Shafer

HARBOR CITY, Calif. — Jeanne Harriet Folk Shafer, 74, died Wednesday in Harbor City, Calif.

She was raised in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School in 1943. She moved to Chicago, where she was an executive secretary at Carson Pirie Scott & Co. for many years.

She was born Feb. 6, 1925, in Toledo, Ohio, to the late Gilbert and Harriet (Jenner) Folk.

She married Jack Shafer before moving to Harbor City, and he survives.

She is also survived by two children, Laura and Jim; a brother, Donald Folk of Roseburg, Ore.; and six grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be held Monday morning at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 4471 Lincoln Ave., Cypress, Calif.

Deaths/Funerals

Woodrow Joseph

HAMILTON — Woodrow Wilson Joseph, 72, of Hamilton, died Thursday morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Joseph was a welder and worked as a maintenance man at the New Haven Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed flower gardening and bird watching.

He was born Jan. 27, 1927, in Muncie to Arlington Albertus Joseph and Minnie (Collinsworth) Joseph. Both parents preceded him in death.

On April 7, 1951, he married Edna Violet (Baker) Joseph. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Karen Roulston and Rebecca Voirol, both of Ashley, Mrs. Mickey (Judith) Sanders of Hamilton and Carmelita Harvey of Deland, Fla.; two sisters, Juanita Inman of New Haven and Louise McClain of Carlsbad, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great granddaughters.

Friends may call Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton Chapel.

Funeral services will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ed Clark officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Riley's Children's Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

Audrey Wickerham

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Audrey A. Wickerham, 84, died Wednesday at 10:50 p.m. in Williams County Hospital-Bryan.

Mrs. Wickerham lived in Hicksville. She had worked as a cook at Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital and as a home care worker. She was a member of the Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle and the Oriental Missionary Society.

She was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Hicksville to the late Oliver and Lulu (Gessinger) Everett. She married Silas Wickerham.

Surviving her are two daughters, Patsy Willson and Carolyn Cheely, both of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday after 4 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with Minister Ken Wellman officiating. Burial will take place in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Betty Green

EDGERTON, Ohio — Betty R. Green, 71, died Wednesday at 9:25 p.m. in her Edgerton, Ohio, home.

Mrs. Green was a retired dance instructor and operated the Betty Green Dance School for 35 years, retiring in 1983. Most recently she was active in teaching line dancing in the area. She was an avid golfer and, with her husband, was one of the founders of the Suburban Golf Course near Bryan, Ohio. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and its Rosary Altar Society, Bryan Moose Lodge and Bryan Eagles Lodge.

She was born July 2, 1927, in Fort Wayne to the late Charles and Hazel (Guebard) Beard.

She married Lester L. Green on June 29, 1946, in Fort Wayne, and he died Oct. 14, 1989.

Surviving her are three grandchildren, Todd Seslar and Toby Davis, both of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Tina Seslar of Polluck Pines, Calif.; two sisters, Dorothy Fox of Angola and Marsha Gray of Yoder; four brothers, Earl "Bud" Bead of Wildwood, Fla., Max "Mick" Beard and Donald Beard, both of Fort Wayne, and Ronald Beard of Clover, S.C.; four great-grandchildren and a special friend, Dick Scantlen of Montpelier, Ohio.

One daughter, Cindy Davis, and two brothers, Robert and Jack Beard, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. Recitation of the Rosary will take place Sunday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorial contributions may be given to Community Hospitals of Williams County-Hospice or to the church.

Robert Giles

ANGOLA — Robert H. Giles, 90, of Angola, died Thursday at 4:23 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Giles was plant manager at Moore Business Forms in Angola for 53 years. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Land of Lakes Lions Club, Angola Masonic Temple No. 236, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine Temple and Pokagon Shrine Club. He also was an avid golfer.

He was born Oct. 31, 1908, in London, England, to the late Henry and Emma Giles.

In 1925, he married Erma Giles, who preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 1969.

Surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth Jones of Chestertown, Md., and Barbara Pecor of Angola; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six brothers.

Friends may call Sunday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Land of Lakes Lions Club.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Betty L. Gaff**, 71, died March 10 in Arizona. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Churubusco United Methodist Church, with calling there one hour before services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Alma Margaret Pankop**, 100, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Ann Nix**, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, and 30 minutes before services at the church on Monday.

Deaths/Funerals

Dominic Caccamo

ANGOLA — Dominic A. "Doc" Caccamo, 78, died Thursday at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Chicago, he was owner of Doc Caccamo's Pizzeria, Italian and American Cuisine in Fort Wayne and Angola. He retired in 1975. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he was a ball turret gunner on a B-24 bomber, receiving his wings in Tampa, Fla.

He was a Fort Wayne resident for 40 years before moving to Angola in 1966. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council 7053, Angola, and its honor guard. He was a 41-year member of Disabled American Veterans and past president of Columbus Lodge 1446, Sons of Italy, Fort Wayne.

Surviving him are his wife of 52 years, Yolanda Gigli Caccamo of Angola; a son, Ronald Caccamo of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kathleen Tucker and Donna Tagtmeyer, both of Angola; two brothers, Joseph and John, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Grace Pilot of Fort Wayne and Carmella Satori of Kokomo; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Demetrio and Josephine Caccamo, and a son, Frank Caccamo.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. A vigil service will be held Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with calling after 9 a.m.

A Mass of Christian burial also will take place Monday at 1 p.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church. East State Boulevard and Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will follow in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola; Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola; or to Masses at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Thurman Frazier

ANGOLA— Thurman L. Frazier, 87, of Angola, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Frazier was a member of the Angola Christian Church and the Angola American Legion Post 31. He was the manager of the Angola Texaco station for several years.

He was born Jan. 28, 1912, in Williamsport, Ohio, to Charles and Katherine (Wallace) Frazier.

On Feb. 2, 1979, he married Wilma Myers (Bryan) Frazier. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are four stepsons, William Bryan, Bruce Bryan and Barney Bryan, all of Angola, and Robert Cushman of Dudgeville, Wis.; four stepdaughters, Jackie Weber of Angola, Jody Hill of Hamilton, Jo Ann Gay of Fremont and Donna Rose of St. Louis; one brother, Neil Frazier of Circleville, Ohio; three sisters, Margaret Bohannan of Sutter Creek, Calif., Ruth Merriman of Auburndale, Fla., and Millie Jording of Dayton, Ohio; 29 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Frazier was preceded in death by his first wife, Sally Frazier, and one sister and three brothers.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-6 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. A military graveside service will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Springlawn Cemetery in Williamsport, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Council On Aging.

Wilma Reade

HUDSON — Wilma Reade, 80, of Auburn, died Thursday at Miller Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Reade was a housewife and a member of South Milford Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 2, 1918, in Auburn to Roscoe Bishop and Grace Mc-Cann.

On Dec. 12, 1936, she married Lloyd Reade in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1991.

A daughter, Betty Lou, also preceding her in death.

Mrs. Reade is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Reed Taylor of Howe, and Sharon and Jerry Fritz of Wilmington, N.C.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd Jr. and Janet Reade of Kendallville, and Jack and Edith Reed of Waynesville, Mo.; two brothers, Stanley Bishop and Robert Bishop, both of Auburn; and a sister, Thelma Smith of Kendallville.

A private funeral will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with Mark Hubbard officiating. There is no calling.

Burial will be Monday at in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorias may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Maxine Hecht

PLEASANT LAKE — Maxine M. Hecht, 83, died Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

Mrs. Hecht retired in 1972 after working for 32 years at Delco Electronics in Kokomo. A former resident of Kokomo, she moved to Golden Lake in 1977.

She was born July 31, 1915, in Hudson to Clarence and Marie McClish.

On March 14, 1936, she married Harlow C. Hecht in Angola. He preceded her in death on May 21, 1992.

A brother, Budd, also proceded her in death.

Mrs. Hect is survived by two sisters, Bette Weigus of Angola and Connie Vollen of Churubusco.

Calling is Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Services will be begin at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

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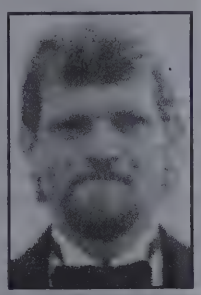
Deaths/Funerals

Rex Hart

ORLAND — Rex A. Hart, 32, died Saturday in a one-car accident in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Hart was a carpenter for Arbuckle Construction Co., based in Bloomington, Minn., and lived in Orland.

He was born Nov. 15, 1966, in Fort Wayne. His father, Sonny Fugate, and his mother, Carol Hart Mettert, both survive in Fort Wayne.



Rex Hart

He married Jennifer Harpel on June 21, 1997, in Orland, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Abby Hart and Megan Hart; two stepdaughters, Kaira Roland and Stephanie Roland; six brothers, Keith Hart and Scott McLaughlin, both of Fort Wayne, James McLaughlin of Stryker, Ohio, Sonny Fugate Jr. of Auburn, and Max Fugate and Terry Fugate, both of Garrett; five sisters, Carol Fender, Ginger McLaughlin and Angela McLaughlin, all of Angola, Jennie Fender of Waterloo and Amanda Meyers of Decatur; and his stepfather, Everett McLaughlin of Waterloo.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family in care of the funeral home.

Eileen Whitlock

ANGOLA — Eileen Whitlock, 73, of Angola, died Friday at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Whitlock was a homemaker. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and the American Legion Auxillary in Angola.

She was born Oct. 18, 1925, in Hood River, Ore., to John and Mareeta (Patrick) Barnes.

On Jan. 19, 1946, she married Morris Whitlock. He survives in Angola.

Mrs. Whitlock also is survived by a son, John Laurel Whitlock of Selinas, Calif.; four daughters, Nancy Sue Parent of Elgin, Ill., Pamela Ann Ford of Layton, Utah, Ginny Lou Dominquez of Ogden, Utah, and Carrie Jo Dick of Fruit Heights, Utah; a sister, Mareeta Clements of Brekenridge, Texas; 16 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and calling are pending.

Donald Graham

ORLAND — Donald H. Graham, 91, of Orland, died Saturday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Graham was a farmer and an employee of the Orland Farm Bureau.

He was born June 13, 1907, in Branch County, Mich., to the late Ethelbert and Maggie (Moffe) Graham.

Surviving are three sons, Jerold Graham (and wife, Sharry) of Angola, John Graham (and wife, Shirley) of Orland, and Ronald Graham (and wife, Cindra) of Orland; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice (Patterson) Graham, in 1992; a son, Allen Dean Graham; a granddaughter; four brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Paul Loucks officiating. Burial will be in South Gilead Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Myra Timbrook

GRABILL — Myra R. Timbrook, 90, of Grabill, died Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Timbrook was a homemaker and a member of Cedar Creek Church of Christ.

She was born Nov. 4, 1908, in Allen County.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William C. Timbrook, in 1992, a son, two daughters, two grandsons and a brother.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary H. Miller of Auburn, Charlene K. Volkert of Harlan and Ethel R. Girardot Uhrick of Clarksville, Fla.; a son, Norbert Timbrook of Butler; 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Harlan.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery.

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Dominic Caccamo

ANGOLA — Dominic A. "Doc" Caccamo, 78, died Thursday at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Chicago, he was owner of Doc Caccamo's Pizzeria, Italian and American Cuisine in Fort Wayne and Angola. He retired in 1975.

He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, serving as a ball turret gunner on a B-24 bomber, and receiving his wings in Tampa, Fla.

He was a Fort Wayne resident for 40 years before moving to Angola in 1966. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council 7053, Angola, and its honor guard. He was a 41-year member of Disabled American Veterans and past president of Columbus Lodge 1446, Sons of Italy, Fort Wayne.

Surviving him are his wife of 53 years, Yolanda Gigli Caccamo of Angola; a son, Ronald Caccamo of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kathleen Tucker and Donna Tagtmeyer, both of Angola; two brothers, Joseph and John, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Grace Pilot of Fort Wayne and Carmella Sartori of Kokomo; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Demetrio and Josephine (Amuso) Caccamo, and a brother, Frank Caccamo.

Friends called Sunday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. A vigil service was held in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial began at 10 a.m. today in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with calling after 9 a.m.

A Mass of Christian burial also took place today at 1 p.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church. East State Boulevard and Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial followed in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, or Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola.

The obituary above is being published again to correct information given to the newspaper.

William Landers

TRENTON, Fla. — William J. Landers, 70, died Saturday at 7:20 a.m. in North Regional Medical Center, Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. Landers was a Waterloo resident before moving to Trenton. He was a factory worker at Dana Corp. for 16 years, retiring in 1991, and was a member of the Zion 16 Lutheran Church, rural Corunna.

He was born April 11, 1928, in Steuben County to the late Jessie William and Geraldine (Lenord) Landers.

His first wife, Doris, died in 1988. His second wife, Dorliss, survives.

Also surviving are one stepdaughter, Kimberly Humphries of Trenton; five brothers, Marion and Richard, both of Wolcottville, Raymond of Mancelona, Mich., Fred of Tampa, Fla., and Don of Corunna; and one sister, Laura Cosick of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one son, William Ray Landers; three sisters, Mary Lou Voirol, Barbara Faulkner and Velta Payne; and a half-brother, James Harding.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeremy Russell officiating. Burial will take place in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Hadley Davis

ANGOLA — Hadley Davis, 65, of Angola, died March 15 at his home.

Mr. Davis retired in 1980 from American Gas Pipeline Co. in Chicago, where he worked as a mechanical engineer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born Aug. 15, 1932, in Angola to the late George Clarence and Nettie Florence (Blunk) Davis.

He is survived by a sister, M. Elizabeth Day of Centerville, Ohio.

There will be no calling. A memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Robert Highland

FREMONT — Robert "Bud" Highland Jr., 70, of Jimmerson Lake, died Friday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Highland owned Highland Heating and Air Conditioning Service and was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion and the Lake George Lutheran Chapel. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born May 7, 1928, in Defiance, Ohio, to the late Robert and Geraldine (Hannankraut) Highland.

On Nov. 4, 1964 in Angola, he married Gloria Martin, who survives at home.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Suzanne Taylor and Robin Johnson of Indianapolis, Carla Morris of Columbus, Ohio, Nickie Smith and Teresa Haines of Decatur, Andrea Zoch of Fort Wayne and Carol Highland of Angola; two sons, John Nance of Troy, Mo., and Timothy Highland of Angola; three sisters, Betty Breckler of Fremont, Virginia Winkler of Defiance, and Lois Patterson of Texas; 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted today at Lake George Lutheran Chapel, with the Rev. Robert Fischer officiating. Burial was in Jamestown Cemetery with a graveside military service conducted by the Fremont post of the American Legion.

Memorial gifts may be given to the family. Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, was in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Watts

FREMONT — Virginia L. Watts, 74, of Fremont, died Saturday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

A member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, she was a graduate of Fremont High School and had been employed as a clerk.

She was born in Coney, Ohio, on March 10, 1925, to Charles and Wilma (Bailey) Watts.

Surviving are several cousins.

There will be no calling. Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

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Russell Berry

AUBURN — Russell E. Berry, 86, formerly of rural Auburn, died Sunday at 5:20 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Berry had worked at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville for 20 years. He was an employee at White's Westwood Supermarket in Auburn for seven years, retiring in 1980. He was a lifelong Jackson Township farmer, an avid gardener and woodworker. He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

He was born Oct. 10, 1912, in Jackson Township to the late Clarence O. and Pluma (Stafford) Berry.

Surviving are two brothers-in-law, Harold Varner and Richard Newcomer, both of Tekonsha, Mich., and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Berry was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph, Kenneth and Eugene; and five sisters, Rose Marie Newcomer, Gladys Hanes, Lotus Bartles, Helen Varner and Ruth Baughman.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church.

Marilyn Strong

ST. JOE — Marilyn Jo Strong, 57, died Sunday at 8 a.m. in her St. Joe home.

Mrs. Strong was a homemaker and taught school for 10 years. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe.

She was born Nov. 15, 1941, in Fulton County, Ind., to the late Wilson and Blanche (Glass) Hendry.

She married Gary L. Strong on March 7, 1969, in Wabash. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin, Terry and Rodney, all at home, and Adam and Joyce Strong of St. Joe; two daughters and a son-in-law, Valerie and Ted Thompson of Anderson and Amy Strong, at home; one brother, Lloyd Hendry of Wabash; six sisters, Dorothy Trumbower of Ossian, Donna Babb of Detroit, Marjorie Krick of Soldier Grove, Wis., Lois Goff of Peru, Ind., and Carol Yokum and Jean Daugherty, both of Wabash; and four grandchildren, Rebecca, Sarah and Holly Jo Strong, and Jacob Thompson.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2:30-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, with calling after 1 p.m. Todd Steere will officiate, with burial to follow in Newville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Paul Bowman

FORT WAYNE — Paul E. Bowman, 75, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in Lutheran Hospital.

An Auburn native, Mr. Bowman had lived in Fort Wayne most of his life. He was a train conductor for Conrail, retiring in 1979 after 38 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra Seebig of Fort Wayne, and Lori Bowman Franks of Louisville, Ky.; five sons, Kenny Kleeberg of Hudson, Stanley Kleeberg of Huntertown, Michael Kleeberg and Douglas Bowman, both of Fort Wayne, and Dave Bowman of Wolcottville; three sisters, Dorothy Van of Columbia City, Judy Helmuth of Fort Wayne, and Maxine Campbell of Auburn; two brothers, Arlo "Dub" Bowman of Auburn and Bob Bowman of Garrett; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances L. Bowman in 1994; a son, Donald; and a brother, Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens where American Legion Post 296 will conduct military graveside rites.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or to the VA Medical Center.

Dick Poppele

ANGOLA — Dick E. Poppele, 82, died Sunday in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

He worked at Coverall Rental for 20 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of American Legion Post 47 of Fort Wayne, and the Angola Elks and Moose lodges. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He lived in Angola and was an avid sports fan.

He was born Jan. 1, 1917, in Auburn.

Surviving him are his wife, Roberta V. Poppele of Angola; one son, David C. of Woodburn; one sister, Betty Shaw of Auburn; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jacko D.; two sisters, Irene Olinger and Virginia Wing; and one brother, Howard.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will begin Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial to follow at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **John Nartker**, 83, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Berkalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Berneice E. Sisson**, 82, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Phillip VanDerbosch

AUBURN — Phillip R. VanDerbosch, 75, died today at 4 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was a manufacturer's representative for Max Shreve and Associates for 25 years, selling fishing products. He served as vice president of the company.

He served as mayor of Garrett from 1980 to 1984. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, receiving the European African Middle Eastern Services Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and 31 Aviation Crew Badge. He lived in Auburn.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, the Garrett American Legion and VFW, and the Elks and Eagles lodges.

Mr. VanDerbosch was born Sept. 2, 1923, in Garrett to the late Herman H. and Frances (Heinlen) VanDerbosch.

He married Kathryn R. "Kate" Miller on Jan. 18, 1947, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Terry of Elyria, Ohio, Phillip L. of Auburn, David of Garrett and Tim of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Lori delos Reyes of Fremont, Calif.; two sisters, Mildred Shreve of Fort Wayne and Gloria Kaake of Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two sisters, Lucille Reeves and Margaret Gremeno, preceded him in death.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Edmond Busch

GARRETT — Edmond Busch died Monday at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Billy Grate

WATERLOO — Billy Gene Grate, 70, died today at 4:10 a.m. of Alzheimer's Disease in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a lifelong Smithfield Township dairy farmer and lived on County Road 31, Waterloo. He was a 1947 graduate of Ashley High School and a member of the Church of Christ, Tenth and Jackson streets, Auburn.

Mr. Grate was born April 30, 1928, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, to the late Harry R. and Emma Lanore (Washler) Grate.

He married Jenyce Likens on July 4, 1954, in Maple Grove United Methodist Church, rural Corunna, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Marshall of Grand Rapids, Mich., Matthew and Bradley, both of Waterloo, and Byron of LaGrange, Ga.; and 10 grandchildren, Rhodorah, Keturah, Lyren, Joel, Kyle, Jennifer, Ashlee, Austen and Hunter Grate, and Robert Smith.

One sister, June Ellen Grate, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Church of Christ, Auburn. Bill Romans will officiate, with burial in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Indogan Youth Camp in Angola.

Erica Hummer

AUBURN — Erica Sage Hummer was stillborn Saturday at 11:34 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving her are her parents, James R. and Kristy (Moeller) Hummer of Auburn; her grandparents, David and Sandy Moeller of Glenwood, Ind., and Dale and Sharon Hummer of Auburn; her great-grandparents, Norbert and Julia Moeller, Inez Snouwaert and Emma Hummer, all of Lafayette, and Jim Gerline of Florida; two aunts, Julie Hummer of Auburn and Michelle Milbourne and her husband, Steve, of Brownsburg; two uncles, Matt Moeller and his wife, Quinn, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Nick Moeller and his fianceé, Mindy Picco of Columbia City; and a cousin, Conner Milbourne of Brownsburg.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 3-5 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

A private service will be held Saturday, with the Rev. Bill Kaster and the Rev. Karen Koelsch officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Scholarship Fund at the First United Methodist Church, or Midwest Reproductive Medicine, in care of Erin Durnell, 8081 Township Line Road, Indianapolis IN 46260.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Estel C. Peck**, 77, of Kendallville, died at 2:55 p.m. Monday in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center where he had been a patient one week. Funeral services will be held Thursday in Honaker, Va. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of local arrangements.

CHURUBUSCO — **Marilyn J. Gay**, 60, of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died at 4:10 p.m. Monday in her home in Green Township following a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Merriam Christian Chapel with the Rev. Terry A. Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Visitation is from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary E. Thompson**, 88, died Friday. Memorial services at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Phillip VanDerbosch

AUBURN — Phillip R. VanDerbosch, 75, died Tuesday at 4 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

VanDerbosch

He was a manufacturer's representative for Mack Shreve and Associates for 25 years, selling fishing products such as Creek Chub Bait and Zebco Reel/Rod Company. He served as vice president of the company for eight years.

He had lived in Garrett for over 40 years before moving to Auburn six years ago. He served as mayor of Garrett from 1980 to 1984.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, flying 30 missions over Germany in a B-17 bomber, the Skylark. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three-oak leaf cluster. He also received the European African Middle Eastern Services Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and 31 Aviation Air Crew Badge.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, the Garrett American Legion and VFW, and the Elks and Eagles lodges.

Mr. VanDerbosch was born Sept. 2, 1923, in Garrett to the late Herman H. and Frances (Heinlen) VanDerbosch.

He married Kathryn R. "Kate" Miller on Jan. 18, 1947, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Terry of Elyria, Ohio, Phillip L. of Auburn, David of Garrett and Tim of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Lori delos Reyes of Fremont, Calif.; two sisters, Mildred Shreve of Fort Wayne and Gloria Kaake of Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two sisters, Lucille Reeves and Margaret Gremeno, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 11:30-12:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will begin Friday at 1 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Nathaniel Reeves officiating. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with a military graveside service by the Garrett American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department.

Elwood Krebs

STURGIS, Mich. — Elwood Lynn "Buck" Krebs, 86, died Sunday morning in The Laurels of Coldwater nursing home.

He owned Buck's Tree Service and lived in rural Sturgis, Mich. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Krebs was born March 17, 1913, in Wolcottville to the late William and Loie (Strawser) Krebs.

He married his wife, Virginia, in August 1938 in LaGrange, and she died in April, 1990.

Surviving him are one son, Kim of Coldwater; one daughter, Robin Gregory of Warsaw; one sister, Wilma Pfierman of Auburn; 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Lindsay Hamm and Penni Howell.

His funeral service was held today at 11 a.m. in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home in Sturgis. Burial took place in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Sturgis.

Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church of Sturgis.

Russell Lyon

BUTLER — Russell F. Lyon, 91, died Monday in Butler.

He was a self-employed farmer and member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe.

Mr. Lyon was born Sept. 17, 1907, in Butler to the late Frank E. and Mable (Casebere) Lyon.

He married Iola I. Rodocker on Feb. 10, 1929, in Edgerton Church of Christ, and she died July 30, 1994.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Russell Jr. and Ann Lyon of Huntertown, Leland and Pat Lyon of Ashland, Ore., DeVon and Sonia Lyon of Auburn, and Victor and Judy Lyon of Marion, Ohio; one daughter, Loretta Kaiser of Butler; 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Arthur, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will begin Friday at 11 a.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, with Minister Todd Steere officiating. Burial will take place in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Almeda M. Hertsel**, 78, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruth Brown

AUBURN — Ruth M. Brown, 75, died Wednesday at 12:45 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, where she had lived one year.

Mrs. Brown was an assembler for 15 years at Electric Motors and her hobby was crossword puzzles. She lived in Auburn for 51 years.

She was born April 12, 1923, in Champaign, Ill., to the late Samuel and Francis (Reed) Tarter.

She married Dewaine E. Brown on March 10, 1945, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Feb. 6, 1985.

Surviving her are one son, Dale of Auburn; three daughters, Nancy Bennett of Antwerp, Ohio, Christine Workman-Harger of Hamilton, and Linda Liggett of Auburn; one brother, John Tarter of Champaign; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, David; four sisters, Grace Anglin, Mae Grate, Esther Tarter and Marie Sherwood; two brothers, Samuel and Paul; and one grandchild.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Chuck Schmunk officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Esther Hammel

BRIMFIELD — Esther M. Hammel, 84, of Brimfield, died at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been in failing health five years.

She was born in Corunna Aug. 30, 1914, to Edward and Mary (Reeder) Donley. On Oct. 20, 1935, in Brimfield, she married George Hammel, who preceded her in death July 30, 1985.

Mrs. Hammel, a homemaker, was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Harold Hammel of Albion; a sister, Elizabeth Helmer of Florida; six grandchildren, Mark Hammel of Syracuse, Todd Hammel of Ligonier, Jenny Miller and Robert Lung Jr., both of Albion, Karen Schmuck of Kendallville, and Sandy Dazey of Wolf Lake; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Eric Smith; three brothers, Ernest, Ralph and Kenneth Donley; and two sisters, Reva Gilbert and Bessie Richey.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Neff officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home's Alzheimer's Unit in Avilla.

Edmund Busch

HUDSON — Edmund Busch, 83, died Monday at 11:38 a.m. in Select Specialty Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Busch was a brakeman for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad until his retirement, and lived on Turkey Lake, Hudson. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born April 19, 1915, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to the late Albert G. and Mary (Voges) Busch.

He married Elizabeth Kolbe on Dec. 28, 1941, in Auburn, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are a stepson, James Grate; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Jeremy Russell officiating. There will be no calling.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Dickenson

AUBURN — Ruth Dickenson, 88, died Wednesday at 4 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Dickenson was a homemaker and lived on County Road 36-A, Auburn.

She was born Oct. 22, 1910, in Auburn to the late Calvin and Cora (Streets) Sherck.

She married Donald H. Dickenson on March 30, 1933, in Auburn. He died March 6, 1995.

Surviving her are one brother, John Sherck of Waterloo, and several nieces and nephews.

One brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Harry E. Reed**, 86, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday.

HUNTERTOWN — **Jerry W. "Unk" Witham**, 61, died Tuesday in Ohio. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **James Teghtmeyer**, 59, former Columbia City mayor, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

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Edward Zanetto

Fort Wayne — 1909-1999

Edward Zanetto, 89, of Fort Wayne, a member of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, died Thursday, March 11, 1999, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The St. Louis native retired in 1974 from B & O Railroad as engineer after 45 years of service and was a member of Gilham Lodge 809 F&AM in Mulberry Grove, Ill.

Surviving are a niece, Patricia Nodine of Garrett; nephews James Gay of Knoxville, Tenn., and David Gay of Pendleton; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy.

Graveside services will be at a later date in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett. There is no calling.

Information provided by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, 485-8500.

Philip R. VanDerbosch

Auburn — 1923-1999

Philip R. VanDerbosch, 75, of Auburn, a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

The Garrett native served as mayor of Garrett from 1980-1984, worked for Max Shreve and Associates as vice president for eight years and as manufacturer's representative for 25 years selling fishing products, was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, American Legion, VFW, Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge, all of Garrett.

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn R.; sons Terry of Elyria, Ohio, Philip L. of Auburn, David of Garrett and Tim of Las Vegas; a daughter, Lori delos Reyes of Fremont, Calif.; sisters Mildred Shreve of Fort Wayne and Gloria Kaake of Atlanta; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Mass of Christian burial is 1 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and also from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial with military honors will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department.

Information provided by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, 1-219-357-0444

Deaths/Funerals

Creo Gall

HAMILTON — Creo Gall, 87, died Wednesday morning at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Gall was a worker at Pittsfield of Indiana for 20 years, retiring in 1981. She was a member of the Auxiliary of Carpenters in Fort Wayne and the Steuben County Home Economics Club. She was a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and a nurse's aide at Cameron Hospital in Angola for many years. She attended Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 6, 1912, in Sturgis, Mich., to the late Dennis DeLoss and Ethel Lamoine (Cox) Shook.

She married Cecil Eugene Gall on Oct. 8, 1932, in Steuben County. He died Oct. 5. 1974.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Henry and Susan Gall of Angola and John and Janet Gall of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Richard Bacon of Hamilton, Dixie Smith of Angola and Shiela Button of Hamilton; one sister, Norma Walburn of Allen, Mich.; 24 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Dorothy Shook, Dorthea Haines and Alverta Nickolson, and one son-in-law, Stanley Button.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will take place in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Alma Goodwin

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Alma Goodwin, 95, died Thursday morning in her Fountain Street home.

She graduated in 1922 from Hicksville High School, where basketball was her favorite sport. She worked in accounting at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 10 years, then became bookkeeper for the service station and farm she owned with her husband.

She was an active member of the Hicksville Presbyterian Church, past president of the Elex Club for General Electric Co. and a member of its basketball team. She was a 4-H leader and member of Rosedale Harmony Club and ACME Club. She served as president of Federated Farmers Women's Club. She lived in Bedford, Ind., and Springfield, Ill., before moving to Hicksville in 1942.

Mrs. Goodwin was born Sept. 17, 1903, in Hicksville, the daughter of Charles and Christina (Johnson) Olson.

She married Reginald "Dutch" Goodwin on Feb. 1, 1936, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one stepson, Samuel Ned Goodwin of Sarasota, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Alys Colleen Kemp of Long Beach, Calif.; two brothers, Albert Olson of Hicksville and Robert Olson of Cincinnati, Ohio; and one sister, Frances J. Monroe of Hicksville.

One brother, Carl Richard, and two sisters, Agnes and Helen, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday after 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after noon. Pastor John Naugel will officiate. Burial will take place in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hicksville Presbyterian Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Brown

AUBURN — Ruth M. Brown, 75, died Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, where she had lived one year.

Mrs. Brown was an assembler for 15 years at Electric Motors and her hobby was crossword puzzles. She lived in Auburn for 51 years.

She was born April 12, 1923, in Champaign, Ill., to the late Samuel and Francis (Reed) Tarter.

She married DeWaine E. Brown on March 10, 1945, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Feb. 6, 1985.

Surviving her are one son, Dale of Auburn; three daughters, Nancy Bennett of Antwerp, Ohio, Christine Workman-Harger of Hamilton, and Linda Liggett of Auburn; one brother, John Tarter of Champaign; one sister, Betty Erwin of Auburn nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, David; four sisters, Grace Anglin, Mae Grate, Esther Tarter and Marie Sherwood; two brothers, Samuel and Paul; and one grandchild.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Chuck Schmunk officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne.

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John Shoup

ANGOLA — John D. Shoup, 51, of Crooked Lake, died Wednesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Shoup worked as an electric lineman for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO). He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge, where he served as president of the Moose Legion, and a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

He was born July 16, 1947, in Steuben County to Estle and Mary (Lepley) Shoup, who survive in Angola.

On April 1, 1993, he married Candy (Davis) Shoup, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Traci Bruick of Fremont, Vicki Yates of Dover, Ohio, and Terri Crowl of K-Town, Germany; a stepdaughter, Clarissa Oxender of Bryan, Ohio; a stepson, Jerry Zyjewski of West Unity, Ohio; a brother, Gary Shoup of Angola; and six grandchildren, Olivia Yates, Brooke Yates, Lauren Crowl, Marianna Crowl, Hannah Bruick and Brett Oxender.

Friends may call from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home and will be conducted by Angola Moose Lodge 1568.

Memorial donations may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Herman "Doc" Lung**, DVM, Ph.D., 79, died Wednesday at 1:14 p.m. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

HOWE — **Patricia A. Phillips**, 61, died at 1:17 p.m. Wednesday. Memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

LAGRANGE — **Edna L. Perry**, 73, died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. There are no funeral services or visitation.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Edwin Emil Heupel**, 87, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Robert Hughes

AUBURN — Robert N. Hughes, 87, died Saturday at 3:35 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Hughes was the co-owner of Hughes Drug Store in Garrett from 1929 to 1972, and drove a courtesy car for Stanadyne in Garrett in 1976. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn, Garrett Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Garrett Elks Lodge.

He was born April 23, 1911, in Garrett to the late Worthy and Eva (Smith) Hughes.

He married Marie Sprott on July 8, 1934. She died in 1997.

Surviving him are his chosen family, Victor and Ursula Ley of Avilla; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe and Virginia Sprott of Huntsville, Ark.; seven nephews, David Sprott of Mobile, Ala., Michael Sprott of Section, Ala., Robert A. Nelson of Breckenridge, Colo., Sam Sprott of Lebanon, Mo., Jim Sprott of Harrison, Ark., Tom Sprott of Prairie Village, Kan., and Steve Sprott of Fort Wayne; and three nieces, Nancy Ward of Bradenton, Fla., Sharon Rousch of Indian River, Mich., and Sharon Heston of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 3-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Clara Sobasky

GARRETT — Clara Sobasky, 81, died Saturday at 10:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Sobasky was a homemaker who resided in Garrett all her life. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She was born Dec. 13, 1917, to Carl and Elizabeth (Bartels) Diederick, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death in 1951 by her first husband, Kenneth R. Bowman Sr.

She married Michael E. Sobasky in Garrett in May 1955. He also died Saturday at 11:42 a.m.

Surviving are two sons, Edward and Robert Bowman, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Patricia Weaver, of Garrett; two sisters, Elaine Nihart of Hamilton and LaVonne Hendrickson of Paynesville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Bowman Jr.; and two sisters, Donna J. Walter and Dorothy Clady.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will take place in the Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Sobasky's calling, funeral and burial will occur at the same times and places.

Memorial donations to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church are preferred.

Michael Sobasky

GARRETT — Michael E. Sobasky, 74, died Saturday at 11:42 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Sobasky had worked as a foreman at Garrett Flexible for over 30 years and worked at Ort's Furniture for 35 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving in World War II, and later of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born April 9, 1924 in Garrett to Louis and Mary Sobasky, who preceded him in death.

In May 1955 he married Clara Bowman, who preceded him in death Saturday at 10:50 a.m.

Surviving are two sons, Edward and Robert Bowman, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Patricia Weaver of Garrett; a sister, Ruth Mitchell of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Dollie Sobasky of Fort Wayne; a brother-in law, Rival McBride of Garrett; a great aunt, Leona Kester of Auburn; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a stepson, Kenneth Bowman Jr.; three brothers, Joe, Richard and Louis Sobasky; and three sisters, Louise Bloom, Mary Cain and Digna McBride.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will begin Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will take place in the Christian Union Cemetery with a military graveside service by the Garrett American Legion and V.F.W.

Mrs. Sobasky's calling, funeral and burial will occur at the same times and places.

Memorial donations to St. Joseph Catholic Church are preferred.

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Harriett Beekman

LAGRANGE — Harriett Beekman, 81, of Wolcottville, died Saturday at 8:24 p.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in DeKalb County June 21, 1917, to John F. and Mamie (Geiger) McConnell. On Jan. 15, 1941, in Nappanee, Ohio, she married Herbert A. Beekman. He survives.

Mrs. Beekman was a registered nurse and had worked as superintendent of nursing at Allen County Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. She had also been a night superintendent at Sturgis Memorial Hospital in Sturgis, Mich., and had worked at LaGrange Hospital prior to that. She was a member of the American Red Cross.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Susan) Pugh of Denver, Colo.; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Delos McConnell of Butler; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Michelle C. Beekman, on Oct. 11, 1993.

There will be no services or visitation. Her cremains will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange at a later death.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Lydia Martin

FORT WAYNE — Lydia E. Martin, 51, died Friday at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and a member of Word of Liberty Church.

She was born April 6, 1947, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving her are her husband, Thomas E. of Fort Wayne; five sons, Gary of New Haven, Mark and Richard, both of Arlington, Texas, and Shane and Thomas Jr., both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Beulah Martin and Jennifer Martin, both of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Amos Miller of Fort Wayne, Ezra Miller of Auburn, and Louis Miller of Kentucky; two sisters, Ruby Payton of Auburn and Mildred Meade of Neon, Ky.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas E. Martin, three sisters and one brother.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Wilma McClish

KENDALLVILLE — Wilma E. McClish, 90, of Kendallville, died at 6:35 a.m. Saturday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

She was born in Hudson May 6, 1908, to Orton and Maud (Hill) Hecht. On Dec. 3, 1927, she married Clarence McClish. He preceded her in death Oct. 8, 1962.

Mrs. McClish, a 1925 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School, was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Bette Weigus of Angola, and Connie Vollen of Churubusco; a son, Dean McClish of Kendallville; a sister, Barbara Cavinder of South Bend; and five grandchildren, Lisa Chard, Rick McClish, David McClish, Melissa Mailahn and Tina Berry.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Clifford Burkett

KENDALLVILLE — Clifford R. Burkett, 91, of Kendallville, died at 8:52 p.m. Saturday in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne. He had been ill six weeks.

He was born in Mount Carmel, Ill., June 29, 1907, to John and Matilda (Waterson) Burkett.

Mr. Burkett, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, was a retired factory worker at McCray Refrigeration. He was a member of VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post in Mount Carmel.

Surviving are a daughter, Susie Doran of Garrett; a son, Darron D. Burkett of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Jaclyn Fuentes of Garrett, and Anna Ward of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Pauline Schwab

ANGOLA — Pauline E. Schwab, 83, of Angola, died Sunday at Sunrise Care and Rehab Center in Elkhart.

A graduate of Wolcottville High School and Manchester College, Mrs. Schwab was an elementary school teacher for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, retiring in 1980 after 44 years of service. She was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She was born July 11, 1915 in LaGrange County to the late Claude and Bertha (Wilson) Cornelius. She married Walter Reichardt, and he preceded her in death in 1962. Her second husband, Frank Schwab, died in 1983.

Also preceding her in death were three sisters, Martha Hansen, Helen Huff and Mildred Louthan.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Catherine Hostetler of Elkhart.

Friends may call Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home in Angola. A funeral service will be conducted in the funeral home at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Memorial gifts may be given to the United Methodist churches in Angola and Wolcottville.

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Viola Wilcox

FREMONT - Viola Wilcox, 65, of Fremont, died Saturday at her son's home in rural Fremont.

Mrs. Wilcox was a homemaker. She was born in Kentucky on March 10, 1934, to the late Beckham and Goldie (Jackson) Taulbee.

Her husband, Robert F.K. Wilcox, preceded her in death in 1988. Five sons, William Henry, Robert Allen, Robert Frank, Lavern and Robert F.K. Wilcox, a daughter, Priscilla, and a sister, Angie, also are deceased.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Debra Wilcox, Terry and Shirley Wilcox, Ken and Christina Wilcox, and Larry Wilcox, all of Angola, and Brad and Rebecca Wilcox of Fremont; three daughters and a son-in law, Sue Ann and Sherman Weimer of Montpelier, Ohio, Brenda Ross of Angola and Missy Wilcox of Fremont; a brother, Adam Taulbee of LaGrange; 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont today from 4-8 p.m.

Her funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Scott Township, Steuben County.

Nolan Agness

LATTY, Ohio — Nolan R. Agness, 65, died Thursday at 7:31 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1996 as a delivery man for Briceton Propane Gas Co. He also was a milk delivery man for Sana-Pure Dairy of Delphos, Ohio, for 20 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Friends United Methodist Church of Latty, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 587 of Paulding, Ohio, and American Legion Post 297 of Payne, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela Violet of Auburn and Barbara Agness of Paulding, Ohio; one son, Richard Agness of Antwerp, Ohio; two brothers, Buddy Agness of Spencerville, Ohio, and Donald Agness of El Paso, Texas; three sisters, Helen Ferrell of Van Wert, Ohio, Marcille Freehand of Findlay, Ohio, and Nonna Ringenberg of Woodburn; and four grandchildren.

One son, Jeffery, and a brother, Carl, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2:30-9 p.m. at DenHerder Funeral Home in Paulding.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 8 a.m. The Rev. Wayne Karges will officiate, with burial to follow in Hedges Cemetery, Jackson Township, Paulding. VFW Post 587 will conduct a military graveside service.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Friends United Methodist Church in Latty.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Coral L. Bieghler**, 92, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Seaphas Sutton**, 80, died Sunday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Church of the True God, South Milford., with calling from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Harriett Beekman**, 81, died Saturday. No services or calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Lillian M. Franz**, 84, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville, with calling there 630-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before services.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lloyd Lautzenhiser

HAMILTON — Lloyd L. Lautzenhiser, 82, died Friday morning at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

A lifetime Hamilton resident, he was a lifelong farmer and operated a welding shop. He was also employed at American Tractor, J.I. Case, Hendrickson Tandem and Mold Service. He retired as a journeyman machinist from B.F. Goodrich.

He attended the Metz Christian Church and was a member of the Hamilton Lions Club. He was a Lions District 25-B past governor and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and W.P. Woods Award.

Mr. Lautzenhiser was born Dec. 18, 1916, in Hamilton to the late Arthur and Dora (Snyder) Lautzenhiser.

He married Mary E. Thompson on June 13, 1937, in Hamilton. She died Aug. 21, 1994. He married Dorothy Smith on Jan. 1, 1995, in Hamilton, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John and Gary, both of Hamilton, and Lloyd of Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada; one daughter, Elizabeth Gilbert of Metz; one brother, Argyle of Waterloo; one sister, Twila Shultz of South Bend; one stepson, Harry Smith of Portland, Mich.; 21 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Ardys Lautzenhiser in 1950; one sister, Ardys Lautzenhiser, and one stepson, Thomas Smith.

Friends may call Monday from 2-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. A Lions International service will be conducted Monday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Metz Christian Church, with Pastor Greg Essex officiating. Burial will take place in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Gamma Knife of Indiana University at Indianapolis, or to Leader Dog of Rochester, Mich.

Area Deaths

WINDHAM, OHIO — **Joyce E. Cramer**, 75, of Windham, died Friday at 9 a.m. in Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio. Mrs. Cramer was the former owner and operator of the Kiddie Korner clothing stores in Avilla and Kendallville. Friends may call at Shorts Funeral Home's Streetsboro Chapel Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Funeral services Monday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Streetsboro.

LIGONIER — **Eva D. Hicks**, 90, of Ligonier, died Friday in Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier. Friends may call at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier Sunday from 2-8 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Mitchell Hile officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Phyllis M. Wemhoff**, 75, of Wolcottville, died Thursday at her winter home in St. Augustine, Fla. Friends may call at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Thomas Bridges officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Deaths/Funerals

Martha McKenzie

AUBURN — Martha M. McKenzie, 91, died Sunday at 9:55 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center.

Mrs. McKenzie retired in 1984 with 14 years of service for Messenger Corp. as a laborer. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and a former member of War Mothers. She was a volunteer at the Curiosity Shop.

She was born Feb. 1, 1908, in DeKalb County to the late Morton S. and Janet (Gramling) Sharp.

She married Paul M. McKenzie on April 4, 1926, in Auburn, and he died in November 1976.

Surviving her are one son, Richard D. of Dousman, Wis.; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; two nieces, Waneta Nelson and Sandra Sharp, both of Auburn; and two nephews, Donald Sharp of Pleasant Lake and Al Sharp of Montrose, Colo.

One brother, Emmett Sharp, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will begin Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Heartland Hospice or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Jonathan Duncan

TOPEKA — Jonathan M. Duncan, the infant son of Thomas M. and Rebekah J. (Mehrley) Duncan of Topeka, died Sunday at 9 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He had been confined to the Intensive Care Neonatal Unit of South Bend Memorial Hospital since his premature birth Dec. 11, 1998. He had lived at home two days.

Surviving with his parents are his maternal grandparents, Patricia and Grizzly Mehrley of Topeka; a maternal great-grandmother, Mean M. Orr of Plymouth; a paternal grandmother, Lisa Mayl and her husband, Robert, of Angola; a paternal grandfather, Keith Robinson of Benton Harbor, Mich.; a paternal great-grandfather, Thurman Duncan, and a paternal great-grandmother, Wilma Jean Little, both of Benton Harbor; and several aunts and uncles.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A service will be conducted in the funeral home at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. Charles Krieg of Pretty Lake United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Robert Johnston

HAMILTON — Robert J. Johnston, 81, died Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnston was a meat cutter for Sutton's Markets in Waterloo, Hamilton, Butler and Angola from 1963 until his retirement in 1981. He lived on State Road 427, Hamilton, and was a World War veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Germany and France. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 9, 1917, in Whitley County to the late Luther H. and Fannie Mae (Binkley) Johnston.

He married Lois M. Aldrich in 1938, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Louann J. Weber of Edgerton, Ohio, and Crista L. Bushman of Battle Creek, Mich.; four sisters, Helen Henry of Crooked Lake, Angola, Ellen Bligh of Warsaw, Ky., and Grace Smith and Blanche Smith, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Dean A. Weber, Mathew R. Weber, Michele R. Psurny, and Erin E. Bushman; and three grandchildren.

Six brothers, six sisters and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Kathleen Clark

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen A. Clark, 68, of Fort Wayne, died at 5:50 a.m. Monday in the home of a niece in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Kendallville on May 16, 1930, to Frederick and Ivabell (Bloomfield) Murphy. On July 7, 1947, in Garrett, she married Albert E. Clark, who preceded her in death Dec. 12, 1998.

Mrs. Clark, formerly of Garrett, had lived in Fort Wayne 40 years. She was kitchen manager at Allen County Youth Services Center in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1990 after 18 years. She was a member of Christian Union Church in Garrett.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty J. Davies of Fort Wayne; seven sons, Roger L. Clark and Larry E. Clark, both of Leo-Cedarville, Frederick S. Clark of Auburn, Daniel G. Clark of Spencerville, and David E. Clark, Michael L. Clark and Kenneth W. Clark, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Leona Tucker of Mont Clair, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jarel L. Book officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne.

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John W. Ley

AVILLA — The funeral for John W. Ley, 74, of Avilla, president of John Ley Monument Sales Inc., Avilla, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church, Avilla.

Mr. Ley, a prominent Avilla businessman and community leader, was killed at 7:37 a.m. Monday in a car-train accident at a CSX rail crossing at C.R. 100N, west of Avilla.

He was born Oct. 19, 1924, in Avilla to William and Ethel (Aman) Ley. On May 7, 1947, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, he married Margaret Marti. She survives.

A 1942 graduate of Avilla High School, Mr. Ley was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was active in St. Mary's parish; was a 4th degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Fort Wayne; was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Garrett; and American Legion Post 240, Avilla.

Mr. Ley took up farming and carpentry after his military service. In 1957, he began in the monument sales business as a salesman. In 1968, he opened an office on South Main Street, Avilla, while working for Birkmeier Monument Co. of Delphos, Ohio.

In 1979, he branched out on his own and started to purchase his own granite. The following year he built his own shop and began doing his own lettering on cemetery monuments.

With his business expanding, in 1984 he erected a new building in Avilla Industrial Park, east of town.

Mr. Ley was known for his excellent workmanship. He was especially proud of his work on memorials to Vietnam and Korean War veterans in the Veterans National Memorial Shrine on O'Day Road near Fort Wayne.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Ley is survived by a daughter, Rita Eagleson of Naperville, Ill.; eight sons, Larry Ley of Zionsville; Phil Ley, Giles Ley, Bob Ley and Tony Ley, all of Avilla, Leo Ley of Naperville, Ill.; Vince Ley of Williamsburg, Kan., and Urban Ley of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Theresa Glasgow of Helmer; and three brothers, Charles Ley, Donald Ley and Victor Ley, all of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a son, David; a daughter, Marianne; and a grandson, Dalton Ley.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Daniel Durkin, parish priest of St. Mary's. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 240.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where the rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. today.

Preferred memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation or to St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Vernice M. Stump**, 86, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there an hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Randall Thomas Crowder**, 15, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

KIMMELL — **Donald P. Bennigan**, 60, died Monday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Thursday in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marie Winebrenner**, 81, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

SYRACUSE — **Hamor H. Gledhill**, 90, died Sunday. Private family services in Decatur.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Richmond

ANGOLA — Dorothy J. Richmond, 85, of Angola, died Tuesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

Mrs. Richmond was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ and the church's Friendly Circle.

She was born Oct. 23, 1919, in Fort Wayne to the late William and Louise (Burgett) Monroe. She married Orison D. Richmond on Oct. 2, 1935. He died Dec. 28, 1985. A son, Jerry, and a granddaughter, Angela Mountfield, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Darlene Mountfield and Ardith Cumings, both of Angola; two sisters, Betty Morrison of Fremont and Jessie Eckert of Lincoln Park, Mich.; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A funeral service will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. Donald Rauhut officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be given to Cameron Hospice and Pleasant View Church of Christ.

John Dewitt

FORT WAYNE — John W. Dewitt, 91, died Tuesday at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dewitt was a general foreman with International Harvester Co. for 30 years. He was a member of Garrett City Lodge 537, F.&A.M.

He was born in DeKalb County to the late Jay W. and Mattie M. (Mason) Dewitt.

Surviving him are his wife, Opal Dewitt of Huntertown; one son, Joe W. of Ludlow Falls, Ohio; a daughter, Sally A. Clark of Bunker Hill; a stepson, Randall H. Houser Jr. of Wolcottville; a stepdaughter, Maxine L. Elwood of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother, Thomas L. of Muncie; a sister, Evelyn Kolbe of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wava Dewitt, in 1957 and a brother, Merton E. Dewitt.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Garrett City Lodge 537 will conduct a Masonic service Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesdayin the funeral home, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Lucille Miller

CECIL, Ohio — Lucille J. Miller, 84, died early Monday at Parkview Nursing Care Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where she was a resident for the past 4 1/2 years. She formerly lived in Cecil, Ohio.

Mrs. Miller worked as a licensed practical nurse at Paulding Hospital and Leisure Oaks Nursing Home in Defiance, Ohio. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Paulding, Ohio, and Paulding Firemen's Auxiliary, and a past member of the Paulding County Grange. She graduated in 1933 from Antwerp High School.

She was born March 2, 1915, in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late Isaiah and Emma (Stevenson) Miller.

She married Earl Smith, who died in 1938. She then married Mose Miller on Nov. 14, 1941. He died Jan. 10, 1996.

Surviving her are one daughter, Sue Hobeck of Hicksville, Ohio; one son, Robert W. Smith of Port St. John's, Fla.; one sister, Myrtle Gee of Jewell, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Rosie Morris and Mae Etchen; four brothers, Melvin Miller, Lawrence Miller, Harrison Miller and Samuel Miller.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. and Thursday after 8 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Dave Meriweather officiating. Burial will follow in the Rochester Cemetery of Paulding County, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to Paulding County Area Visiting Nurses-Hospice.

Dorothy Cole

CARROLLTON, Ga. — Dorothy Cole, 77, died Sunday at Tanner Medical Center.

She was a former Auburn resident and a former member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was a homemaker and member of Christ Fellowship Church. She lived in Carrolton, Ga.

Mrs. Cole was born June 1, 1921, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Louise and Earl Reich. She married Edward Schwartz Cole, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Toby of Bremen; two daughters, Cathy Merriman of Albion and Tracey Head of Carrollton; two sisters, Helen Osborne of Pennsylvania and Barbara Poulson of Dayton; two brothers, Homer Reich of Trotwood, Ohio, and Nathaniel "Mack" Reich of Dayton; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel, Carrollton, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Marc Limbaugh and the Rev. Roy Garrett will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Fellowship Church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Wilbur L. "Bill" Hooley**, 77, died at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

LIGONIER — **W. Milen "Mike" Winebrenner**, 85, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Friday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Mary Jane Lake**, 77, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **Paul E. Brewer**, 53, died Monday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday in Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Robert Dudash

AUBURN — Robert D. Dudash, 72, died today at 12:21 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He had been a co-administrator at Sunny Meadow Farm of DeKalb County (the county farm) for 15 years. He formerly worked at WGL Radio in Fort Wayne, and as radio personality Bob Dean on WAWK Radio in Kendallville for more than 20 years. He served as the master of ceremonies for the Miss Garrett Pageant from its inception until 1981.

Mr. Dudash lived in Auburn and was a former Garrett resident. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Garrett Lions Club and Jaycees.

He was born Nov. 10, 1926, in Chicago to the late Nick and Susie (Kovash) Dudash.

He married Dona I. Myers on July 10, 1955, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, John of Garrett; two daughters, Karen Dudash of Garrett and Susan Korchyk of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, rural Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Don Shankster will officiate, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Lions Club or a charity of the donor's choice.

Violet Boylan

SPENCERVILLE — Violet R. Boylan, 79, died Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, where she had been a patient for two weeks.

She worked for the Agriculture Department of Defiance County, Ohio, and the National Ideal Co. of Hicksville, Ohio. She was a homemaker and graduated from Hicksville High School in 1938.

Mrs. Boylan was a member of the Missionary Church and Newville Township Homemakers Club. She worked for many years on the DeKalb County Election Board in Newville Township.

She was born March 8, 1920, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, to the late George and Grace (Wyatt) Brown.

She married Lester Boylan on June 8, 1941, in Hicksville, and he survives.

Also surviving her are two daughters, Sharon Munsey of Butler and Karen Sherman of Springfield, Ohio; three sons, David and Junior, both of Fort Wayne, and Rick of Auburn; one brother, Harold Brown of Bryan, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Wilma, an infant, and Betty Smalley; and one brother, Forest Brown.

Friends may call today after 4 p.m. and Friday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Don Rohrs officiating. Burial will take place in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice, and WTLW Channel 44 in Lima, Ohio.

Jerry Hess

AVON PARK, Fla. — Jerry Dee Hess, 59, died Sunday in Avon Park, Fla.

Mr. Hess was an automotive salesman and had lived in Avon Park since 1986. He formerly lived in Fort Wayne and was a Methodist.

He was born in Auburn to George and Alta Mae Hess. They survive in Avon Park.

Also surviving are two daughters, Patricia Didier of Leo and Melanie Timmerman of LaOtto; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Avon Park. The Rev. Robert Thorn will officiate.

Eva Hostetter

LAGRANGE — Eva Marie Hostetter, 89, of rural LaGrange, died at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

She was born Aug. 4, 1909, in Richmond to William F. and Anna (Muey) Knott. On July 12, 1946, in Richmond, she married Howard D. Sorg. He preceded her in death July 6, 1964. In April 1969, she married Harold L. Hostetter in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death Feb. 16, 1970.

Mrs. Hostetter moved from Fort Wayne to LaGrange in 1974. She was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange, LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary of Kendallville and Mooseheart Home Chapter of Mooseheart, Ill.

Surviving are a stepson, William Hostetter of Ossian; a sister, Katherine M. Henry of Herrin, Ill.; two nieces, Ilene Middleton of Albion, and Diana Rolape of Herrin, Ill.; and two nephews, Robert Bordner of Topeka, and Michael Henry of Hudson.

She was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange.

Christopher Howard

KIMMELL — Christopher Logan Howard, 16 months old, died Monday en route to St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, as the result of smoke inhalation from a fire in the family residence.

He was born in Goshen Nov. 16, 1997, to Alfred and Mindy (Kline) Howard, who survive in Kimmell.

Surviving with his parents are two sisters, Breanna and Ashley, both at home; grandparents, Ron and Pauline Howard of Kimmell, and Rick and Brenda Peconge of Syracuse; and great-grandparents Paul and Clara Begley of Angola.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Visitation is two hours before services Friday in the funeral home.

Evening Star, Thurs., Sept 1, 1999 (cont'd)

Virgie Burns

HUDSON — Virgie Delean Burns, 89, of Hudson, died at 10:50 p.m. Wednesday in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. She had been ill the past four weeks.

She was born in Velpen on Oct. 31, 1909, to Harley and Cordelia (Adams) Payne. On June 6, 1925, in Pontiac, Ill., she married Randle E. Burns. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Burns had lived in Hudson the past 15 years, in Mt. Dora, Fla., a number of years and in Cromwell prior to that. She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting, crocheting, pretty punch and bead work.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Larry Sattison of Hudson, Imaboy Johnson of Angola, Corda and Lester Hunt of Lake Butler, Fla., and Carol and Dave Davis of Mt. Dora; two sons and daughters-in-law, Virgil and Beatrice Burns of Ligonier, and Clifford and Mary Burns of Kimmell; a sister, Sally Wilkey of East Peoria, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Marge Payne of Justis, Ill.; 26 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Lilia, Dorothy and Marie; three sons, Donald, James and George Allen; three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation is two hours prior to services on Saturday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Shook

AUBURN — Robert F. Shook, 75, died today at 2:09 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Shook retired in 1982 from Mavel Engineering, Chicago, with 15 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and served 43 years in the Indiana National Guard with a discharge in 1984. He lived in Auburn and was a past president of the Auburn Kiwanis Club. He was a member of Auburn's American Legion Post 97, Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and the Auburn Elks Lodge. He was a past member of the Shelbyville Elks and Eagles lodges.

He was born April 1, 1924, in Manila, Ind., to the late Joseph Edward and Maggie (Coers) Shook.

He married Harriett Rowe on Nov. 30, 1947, in Shelbyville, and she died June 30, 1983.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, William F. and Cheryl Shook of Marion; one sister, Mary Margaret Anderson of Shelbyville; two grandsons, Robert F. Shook and Andrew W. Shook, both of Auburn; a stepgrandson, Jeremy Scott; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home. Burial will follow Monday at 3 p.m. with a graveside service in Forest Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mildred L. Grim**, 93, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

KIMMELL — **Christopher Logan Howard**, 16 months old, died Monday in a fire at his home. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there two hours before services.

LAGRANGE — **Eva Marie Hostetter**, 89, died Wednesday. Services at 4 p.m. Friday in Fruripmay Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 p.m. Friday.

Donald Lanning

ORLAND — Donald V. Lanning, 85, of Orland, died Tuesday at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Lanning had owned and operated Lanning Electric since 1959. He was a member of Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church of God in Angola.

He was born in Stroh to Delbert E. and Olive (Frock) Lanning.

On May 10, 1936, he married Marguerite E. Sherer. She preceded him in death in 1972. A sister, Nelda Pastor, died in 1993.

He is survived by five sons and four daughters-in-law, Douglas and Linda Kay Lanning and Donald R. and Linda Lanning, all of Angola, Daniel Lanning of Orland, Dennis and Elizabeth Lanning of Sturgis, Mich., and David and Brenda Lanning of Bronson, Mich.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Dianne and Joe Dudley and Deborah and Jerry McClanahan, all of Orland, and Denise and Rick Boyer of Angola; a brother, Claire Lanning of Angola; a sister, Dawn Aumsbaugh of Kendallville; several nieces and nephews; 23 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church, with calling one hour before the service. Pastor Marcus Proehl will officiate.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorial contributions may be given to the Orland Town Park.

Deaths/Funerals

E. June Campbell

LAOTTO — E. June Campbell, 76, died Thursday at 9:45 p.m. in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. She was taken there after becoming ill at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, where she was a resident.

She was a former long-time resident of LaOtto.

Her husband, Bernard L. "Barney" Campbell, died June 13, 1996.

Surviving her are one son, Larry L. Campbell of LaOtto; and two daughters, Constance Shirk of Auburn and Wanda Davis of Avilla.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home Churubusco.

Wendell Schweitzer

ORLAND — Wendell A. Schweitzer, 95, of Orland, died at 5:15 a.m. today in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

He was born Sept. 14, 1903, in Salem Township, to John and Ulalia (Sturgis) Schweitzer. On July 20, 1925, in Jackson, Mich., he married Gladys Stockwell. She preceded him in death Jan. 7, 1994.

Mr. Schweitzer was a retired farmer.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Fought of Orland, and Janice Icardi of Maitland, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Visitation is from 3-5 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

John Dewitt

FORT WAYNE — The time of a funeral service for John W. Dewitt, 91, has been changed. It will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. Garrett City Lodge 537 will conduct a Masonic service Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mr. Dewitt died Tuesday at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne. He was a general foreman with International Harvester Co. for 30 years, and was a member of Garrett City Lodge 537, F.&A.M.

He was born in DeKalb County to the late Jay W. and Mattie M. (Mason) Dewitt.

Surviving him are his wife, Opal Dewitt of Huntertown; one son, Joe W. of Ludlow Falls, Ohio; a daughter, Sally A. Clark of Bunker Hill; a stepson, Randall H. Houser Jr. of Wolcottville; a stepdaughter, Maxine L. Elwood of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother, Thomas L. of Muncie; a sister, Evelyn Kolbe of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wava Dewitt, in 1957, and a brother, Merton E. Dewitt.

Memorial contributions may be given to Christine Dewitt Memorial Scholarship Fund or Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16115 Lima Road, Huntertown.

John Franke

FORT WAYNE — John R. Franke, 65, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne.

He was employed by Peter Eckrich for 28 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, was involved with American Legion Post 241, and was a Veterans Administration Hospital volunteer for 10 years. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving him are one son, Jason R. Franke of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Anne Marie Franke of Fort Wayne; his mother, Alma M. Franke of Fort Wayne; a brother, Dr. Gordon R. Franke of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Diane P. Alwine and Nancy S. Talbott, both of Fort Wayne, and Susan Neuhaus of Auburn.

One brother, Ronald N. Franke, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 5-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A rosary service will be held tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard and Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Catholic Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Ethel M. Ward

Fort Wayne — 1910-1999

Ethel M. Ward, 88, of Fort Wayne, a native of Auburn, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at Courtland Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She had worked at Electric Motors in Garrett.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia E. Gerig of Fort Wayne; a son, James L. of Nappanee; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Chalmer Carper.

Private memorial services will be held. There is no calling.

Information provided by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, 432-2508.

Evening Star, Fri, April 2, 1999 (cont'd)

Robert Shook

AUBURN — Robert F. Shook, 75, died Thursday at 2:09 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Shook retired in 1982 from Mavel Engineering, Chicago, with 15 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and served 43 years in the Indiana National Guard with a discharge in 1984. He lived in Auburn and was a past president of the Auburn Kiwanis Club. He was a member of Auburn's American Legion Post 97, Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and the Auburn Elks Lodge. He was a past member of the Shelbyville Elks and Eagles lodges.

He was born April 1, 1924, in Manila, Ind., to the late Joseph Edward and Maggie (Coers) Shook.

He married Harriett Rowe on Nov. 30, 1947, in Shelbyville, and she died June 30, 1983.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, William F. and Cheryl Shook of Marion; one sister, Mary Margaret Anderson of Shelbyville; two grandsons, Robert F. Shook and Andrew W. Shook, both of Auburn; a stepgrandson, Jeremy Scott; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in the funeral home. Burial will follow Monday at 3 p.m. with a graveside service in Forest Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Virgie Delean Burns

Hudson — 1909-1999

Virgie Delean Burns, 89, of Hudson, who enjoyed quilting and crocheting, died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

The Velpen native was a homemaker and also enjoyed pretty punch and bead working.

Surviving are sons Virgil of Ligonier and Clifford of Kimmell; daughters Anna Sattison of Hudson, Imaboy Johnson of Angola, Corda Hunt of Lake Butler, Fla., and Carol Davis of Mount Dora, Fla.; a brother, Melvin Payne of Justis, Ill.; a sister, Sally Wilkey of East Peoria, Ill.; 26 grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Randle E., three daughters and three sons.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling two hours before services. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Information provided by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, 1-219-894-3119.

Robert E. Dudash

Auburn — 1926-1999

Robert E. Dudash, 72, of Auburn, co-administrator at Sunny Meadows Residential Home for 15 years, died Thursday, April 1, 1999, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

The Chicago native had worked for WGL radio in Fort Wayne, for WAWK radio in Kendallville as radio personality "Bob Dean" for more than 20 years, was a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Jaycees, Garrett Lions Club and a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Dona I.; daughters Karen Dudash of Garrett and Susan Korchyk of Auburn; a son, John of Garrett; and two grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett Lions Club or to the donor's choice.

Information provided by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, 1-219-357-0444.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Elmer Redmond**, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Kimmell United Methodist Church, Kimmell, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Vera D. Ramp**, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Speidell

AUBURN — Robert M. Speidell, 72, of Auburn, died Thursday, April 1, in Lakewood, Colo.

Mr. Speidell had been visiting Colorado for the past five months. He had retired in 1988 as an enamel operator for Phelps Dodge, where worked for 33 years.

He was a native of Leo and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by four sons, Randy of Auburn, Gary of Defiance, Ohio, and Rick and Roddy, both of Denver; one daughter, Robin Strine of Auburn; a brother, Jerry of Lakewood, Colo.; a sister, Patricia Blaine of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to Lakewood Park Christian School, Auburn.

Norval Withrow

SOLANA BEACH, Calif. — Norval Withrow, 68, died Tuesday, March 23, in his home in Solana Beach, Calif.

He was a 1948 graduate of Garrett High School and served in the Korean Conflict with the U.S. Navy. He received bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Ball State University, and attended Indiana University. He taught music at Bemidji College in Minnesota and the University of Michigan, and taught music from kindergarten to college level for many years. He was also known in the San Diego, Calif., area for his art work.

Mr. Withrow was born May 20, 1930, in Garrett to the late Norval and Georgia (Coburn) Withrow.

He married his wife, Valerie, on Jan. 27, 1973, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Samuel of Anderson and Fred of Indianapolis; one daughter, Julie of Bradenton, Fla.; one sister, Sue Michael of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Aaron and Hannah Withrow.

There were no calling hours or services.

E. June Campbell

AUBURN — E. June Campbell, 76, a former longtime resident of LaOtto, died Thursday at 9:45 p.m. in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She was taken there after becoming ill at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where she had resided for the past two years.

Mrs. Campbell was employed as a telephone operator for Sears Roebuck and Co.'s Glenbrook Mall store in Fort Wayne for 15 years. She retired in 1984. She also was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, a member of the LaOtto Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Avilla American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 26, 1922, in Huntington to Benjamin and Mae Prather (Thomson) Franklin.

She married Bernard L. "Barney" Campbell on Sept. 26, 1941. The couple moved to LaOtto and resided there 55 years. Mr. Campbell preceded her in death on June 13, 1996.

Also preceding her in death in addition to her parents and husband were one brother and two sisters.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry L. and Ellen Campbell of LaOtto; two daughters and sons-in-law, Constance and James Shirk of Angola and Wanda and Michael Davis of Avilla; two sisters, Ida Mae Gorez of Huntington and Bonnie Lou Dailey of Richmond; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco or at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto one hour prior to the funeral service.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Kathleen Kamerzell officiating. Burial will take place in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto.

Vera Madison

WATERLOO — Vera G. Madison, 84, formerly of Waterloo, died Friday at 3:05 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Madison was a secretary for Norlipp Co. of Chicago. She also served as a telephone operator before she retired. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Heimach Center and the DeKalb County Council on Aging, where she was a former member of the board of directors. She also was a former member of the Grace Circle of Waterloo United Brethren Church.

She was born April 11, 1914, to Emblem and Anna (Stansbury) Kester in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County.

She married Henry W. Madison on April 8, 1944, in Chicago. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1975.

Surviving are a brother, E. Wayne Kester of Waterloo; two nephews, David W. Kester of Laud and Robert K. Kester of Rome City; and one niece, Penny A. Kryder of Butler.

Friends may call Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will begin Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating.

Burial will take place in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Deaths/Funerals

Harold Hullinger

BUTLER — Harold L. "Pete" Hullinger, 72, died Sunday at 1:18 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Hullinger retired from the Indiana State Highway maintenance department in 1989 after 17 years of service. He lived on County Road 59, Butler. He was a member of DeKalb County Horsemen's Association, and former member of the DeKalb County Mounted Posse and Bar None Saddle Club. He was superintendent of the pony department for the DeKalb County Fair.

He was born April 4, 1927, in Draper, S.D., to the late Elmer and Ruth May (Winchill) Hullinger.

He married Clara Knott on Dec. 24, 1946, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Harold Dean Hullinger of Waterloo; one daughter, Frances D. Hissong of Auburn; four brothers, Allen and Vernon, both of Butler, Eldon of Fort Wayne, and Franklin of Auburn; a half-sister, FaraLee Carr of Garrett; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Frank Weller of the Butler United Church of Christ officiating. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Horsemen's Association.

June Rodenbeck

KENDALLVILLE — June E. Rodenbeck, 81, died at 1:40 p.m. Sunday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Rodenbeck was born Nov. 1, 1917, in Garrett to J.P.F. and Bertha Mary (Hart) Bertsch. On Feb. 13, 1943, in Jacksonville, Fla., she married Dale E. Stockton, who died in military action on July 25, 1944, at Normandy, France. On Aug. 31, 1950, in Kendallville, she married Carl W. Rodenbeck, who preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 1976.

She was a lifetime resident of Kendallville. She had worked as a secretary for McCray Refrigeration Co. and later for Kraft Foods. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville; American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary, Kendallville; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 Auxiliary, Kendallville; McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Kendallville; and Lady Elks.

Surviving are one sister, Phyllis Hicks of Cephyr Hill, Fla.; one brother, Robert Bertsch of Kendallville; one niece, Mrs. Larry (Becky) Schermerhorn of Wawaka; one nephew, Michael Haynes of Muncie; and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

Besides her husbands, she was also preceded in death by one sister, Mary Ann Haynes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church building fund or McCray Home Care.

Rev. Delmar Newman

GARRETT — The Rev. Delmar C. "Shorty" Newman, 82, died Saturday at 5:45 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He was a lifetime resident of Garrett. He was a yardman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for more than 30 years, retiring in 1977. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Panama Canal. He was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born March 17, 1917, in Garrett to the late Charles R. and Frances A. (Lasch) Newman.

He married Mary Minick on Nov. 25, 1965, in Fort Wayne. She died in 1991.

Surviving him are three stepsons, Carl Minick and Neil Minick, both of Fort Wayne, and Ken Minick of New Haven; three stepdaughters, Marlene Haudenschild, Dorothy Sauter and Rita Nichter, all of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Naomi George of Auburn, Marjory Powell of Bluffton, and Eleanor Borton of Edon, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Walter Newman, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 12:30 p.m. Dr. William N. Hodge will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with a military graveside service by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Thur., April 5, 1999 (cont'd)

Gerald Evertts

HAMILTON — Gerald "Jack" Evertts, 71, died Saturday at his home on East Church Street in Hamilton.

He was a welder and worked in machine repair at Weatherhead-Dana Corp. in Angola for 27 years, retiring in 1991. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a former member of the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department and Butler American Legion Post 202, and was of the Methodist faith.

Mr. Evertts was born Sept. 11, 1927, in Auburn to Gerald Bruce Evertts and Doris Mildren (McIntosh) Evertts. His mother survives in Hamilton and his father is deceased.

He married Bettie May Casebere on Sept. 8, 1951, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Sheri Evertts of Metz, and Tom and Carol Evertts of Fremont; one daughter, Joyce Muzzy of Hamilton; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One sister, Corinne Hatfield, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will take place in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Wynn Hensel

ANGOLA — Wynn W. Hensel, 78, of Angola, died Friday at Highland Regional Medical Center, Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Hensel operated Hensel and Sons Road Builders and retired in 1982. He was a member of Home Lodge No. 342, F&AM, of Fort Wayne; the Fort Wayne Consistory and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was born July 18, 1920, in Fort Wayne to the late Ray and Pollyanna (Jasper) Hensel.

Surviving are a son, Wynn A. Hensel of Angola; a brother, Dayton Hensel of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Hensel, in 1995.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Martelle Rhoads

WATERLOO — Martelle N. Rhoads, 84, died at 8:48 p.m. Sunday in her home.

Mrs. Rhoads was born Feb. 4, 1915, in DeKalb County to Earl and Mary (Weeks) Carper. On April 12, 1936, in Fort Wayne, she married Howard Rhoads, who preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 1993.

She had lived in Waterloo for 22 years, moving there from rural Hudson.

She was a homemaker and was a member of Waterloo United Methodist Church, Harmony Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star, and was a Grand Representative of Order of the Eastern Star of Indiana.

Surviving are two sisters, Harriet Myers of Auburn and Leone Christlieb of Waterloo; three brothers, Howard Carper of Auburn, Arthur Carper of Pleasant Lake and John Carper of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Waterloo United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation is one hour prior to services Thursday in the church and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. There will be a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home by the Harmony Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star.

Memorial donations to the church are preferred.

John DeWitt

FORT WAYNE — John W. DeWitt, 91, of Huntertown, died Tuesday in Kingston Care Center.

The DeKalb County native was a foreman with International Harvester Co. for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Opal; one son, Joe W. DeWitt of Ludlow Falls, Ohio; one daughter, Sally A. Clark of Bunker Hill; one stepson, Randall L. Houser Jr. of Wolcottville; one stepdaughter, Maxine Elward of Coldwater, Mich.; one brother, Thomas L. DeWitt of Muncie; one sister, Evelyn Kolbe of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wava, in 1957.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home with a Masonic service by Garrett City Lodge No. 537 at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Christine DeWitt Memorial Scholarship Fund or to Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16115 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN 46748.
hour before services Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Edna Stayner

FREMONT — Edna M. Stayner, 88, of Fremont, died Monday in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

A homemaker, Mrs. Stayner was a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church and the church's Ladies Guild. She also had belonged to the Jolly 13 Euchre Club.

She was born May 30, 1919, in Steuben County to the late Frank and Juliette (Fox) Fast. She married Veryl Shank on June 21, 1928, and he preceded her in death March 29, 1986.

An infant son, a grandson, Scott Shank, a granddaughter, Kaye Ellen Shank, a great-grandson, Jason Riehm, and two brothers, John and Bill Fast, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Shank of Fremont and Dean Shank of Angola; a daughter, Barbara Riemke of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorial gifts may be given to the Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Jean Fought

ORLAND — Jean Fought, 72, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Fought was born May 27, 1926, in Steuben County to Wendell and Gladys (Stockwell) Schweitzer. On Dec. 27, 1944, she married Virgil Fought, who preceded her in death on March 28, 1963.

She had been a resident of Orland for 10 years and was a homemaker.

Surviving are two stepdaughters, Carole Jacobs and Jeanne Schlenker, both of Toledo, Ohio; one stepson, Keith Fought of Fremont, Ohio; one sister, Janice Icardi of Maitland, Fla.; and 24 stepgrandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Harold Compton officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Ludean Heller

MONROEVILLE — Ludean A. "Dean" Heller, 75, died Sunday in Lutheran Hospital.

The Oxford, Neb., native retired in 1986 from Kroger Co. after 37 1/2 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly R. Reidenbach of Monroeville and Debra J. Whan of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Martin A.G. Heller of Avilla and Robert O. Heller of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Leola Ruth Purk of rural Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

His wife, Grace Anna Heller, preceded him in death in 1998.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Monroeville. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Convoy, Ohio, with military graveside services by VFW Legion.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, and in the church one hour prior to services Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Monroeville EMS and fire department.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Retired Indiana State Police Sgt. **Thomas "Pat" Malone**, 58, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday at home. He had served 32 years as a member of the Indiana State Police force. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and at the church one hour prior to services Friday.

Paul J. VanGorder

Avilla — 1902-1999

Paul J. VanGorder, 97, of Avilla, a member of Order of Eastern Star Noble Chapter 122, died Monday, April 5, 1999, at Sacred Heart Home.

The Avilla native had worked for Community State Bank in Avilla as a cashier for 35 years, was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and a 75-year member of Avilla Lodge 460 F&AM. Surviving are a son, Paul R. of Fort Wayne; daughters Ann VanZile and Mary Whonsetler, both of Avilla; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fern.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with calling one hour before services. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church or Riley Children's Hospital.

Information provided by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, 1-219-897-3411.

Deaths/Funerals

Grace Clock

AUBURN — Grace K. Clock, 88, died Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Clock was a secretary for 12 years at Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1971. She lived on West Tenth Street in Auburn and was a member of the First Christian Church, Auburn. She worked in the horticulture department at Purdue University from 1931 to 1935.

She was born Oct. 7, 1910, in Tipton County, Ind., to the late Marion Wesley and Leora (Smith) Kinder.

She married William B. Clock on Dec. 1, 1935, in Lafayette. He died April 29, 1971.

Surviving her are three daughters, Jane K. McWhirter and Anne K. Moss (and husband, Jerry L.), all of Indianapolis, and Ruth K. Mavis of Syracuse, N.Y.; and five grandchildren, Evan J. and Katie Moss, Laura Jane Moss Taylor, and Elizabeth and Emily Mavis.

Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Auburn Eastern Star lodge will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, with calling from 9-11 a.m. Dr. Richard Moore will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church of Auburn.

Ginevra Bird-Price

FREMONT — Ginevra S. Bird-Price, 83, of Fremont, died Tuesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Bird-Price was retired from Modern Air in Angola and was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary in Fremont. She enjoyed playing cards, bowling and going for walks.

She was born Oct. 8, 1915, in Montgomery, Mich., to the late James and Nellie (Davis) Bell.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Bird (and wife, Carol) of Cleveland, and Russell Bird (and wife, Nancy) of Fremont; two stepsons, Bill Price (and wife, Pat) of Wawaka, and Danny Price (and wife, Carolyn) of Topeka; a stepdaughter, Maxine Sedlacek Drewy of Dayton, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Connie Sparkman of Kendallville; a brother, Leroy Bell of Michigan; a sister, Lottie Burch of Fremont; seven grandchildren and eight stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husbands Warren Bird and Max Price; two sons, Loyd and Leon Bird; a grandson; a stepson, Buzz Price; a brother, Hank Bell; and three sisters, Elsie Slaybaugh, Dorthy Kiser and Maryanne Henry.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Bedford Cemetery, Bedford, Mich.

Roberta Hess

AUBURN — Roberta Hess, 82, of Auburn, died Tuesday at 2:42 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Hess was a homemaker. She was member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Sigma Beta Sorority, Auburn Women's Club and the Auburn Elks Ladies.

She was born Feb. 12, 1917, in Muncie to the late Verle and Mae (Rutledge) Tharpe.

On May 3, 1941, she married Leonard L. Hess in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1998.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Verle and Barney Tharpe.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Randy (Barbara) L. Rude of Auburn; two grandsons, Jeffrey A. Rude of Auburn and Michael S. Rude of Archbold, Ohio; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn, with the Rev. William Hayworth of the Auburn Presbyterian Church officiating.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Gaudalupe Sustaita

AUBURN — Gaudalupe Sustaita, 75, died Tuesday at 7:40 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sustaita lived in Auburn 28 years. He retired in 1988 from the maintenance department at Auburn Foundry with 17 years of service. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting.

He was born Feb. 24, 1924, in Wheelock, Texas, to the late Jim and Louisa (Masiaz) Sustaita.

Surviving him are four sons, Wallace of Delta, Ohio, Eddie of Toledo, Ohio, James of Waterloo and Rugelio of Auburn; four daughters, Sarah Teller of St. Joe, Linda Sustaita and Aurora Galligher, both of Auburn, and Theresa Wolf of Syracuse, Ind.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One son, Joel, two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate, with burial in St. Caspar's Cemetery in Wauseon, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church.

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Hildred Antrup

FREMONT — Hildred N. Antrup, 77, of Fremont, died Tuesday at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Antrup had been a teacher and was a member of the Fremont Community Schools board for 12 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Fremont.

She was born March 11, 1922, in Montgomery, Mich.; to the late Clarence and Libby (Cook) Todd.

Surviving are a daughter, Nedra Fulk (and husband, Doug) of Fort Wayne; two sons, Chris (and wife, Molly) of Wynne, Ark., and Denis (and wife, Kim) of Angola; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a brother, Dean Todd of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles F. Antrup, and a son, David Antrup.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Burial will be in West Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials may be made to The Alzheimer's Association or the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Ida George

ANGOLA — Ida Ruth George, 103, died Monday at 6:15 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. George was a registered nurse and graduated from the Lutheran School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1918. She worked as a nurse at the Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne for many years.

She was born Sept. 18, 1895, in Howe to the late William and Minnie (Cook) Fair.

She married Ralph W. George Sr. in 1922 in Kalamazoo, Mich. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Franklin George of Angola; eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ralph W. George Jr., in 1997; two brothers and two sisters.

There will be no calling hours or services. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, Howe, at a later date.

Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, is in charge of arrangements.

David Baker

FREMONT — David G. Baker, 88, of Fremont died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola, after an extended illness.

Mr. Baker was retired from his work as a propane delivery driver for Sheets LP Gas, Angola. He was a member of The Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

He was born March 3, 1911, in Portland to the late George and Grace (Whitaker) Baker.

Surviving are two sons, David "Roger" Baker (and wife, Janice) of Pleasant Lake, and George "Mike" Baker (and wife, Lorie) of Fremont; two daughters, Diane Bledsoe (and husband, Jack) of Lake James, and Kathleen Fisher (and husband, John) of Three Rivers, Mich.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude, in 1997.

Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. on April 17 at The Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Memorial donations may be made to The Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Arthur L. Cullimore**, 85, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Joseph T. Scollard**, 72, died Monday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Friday in Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1100 S. Calhoun St. Calling 4-6 p.m. Thursday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

CROMWELL — **Merldena "Mert" Halsey**, 73, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

Edna Shank

FREMONT — Edna M. Shank, 88, of Fremont, died Monday in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

A homemaker, Mrs. Shank was a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church and the church's Ladies Guild. She also had belonged to the Jolly 13 Euchre Club.

She was born May 30, 1910, in Steuben County to the late Frank and Juliette (Fox) Fast. She married Veryl Shank on June 21, 1928, and he preceded her in death March 29, 1986.

An infant son, a grandson, Scott Shank, a granddaughter, Kaye Ellen Shank, a great-grandson, Jason Riehm, and two brothers, John and Bill Fast, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Shank of Fremont and Dean Shank of Angola; a daughter, Barbara Riemke of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorial gifts may be given to the Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Deaths/Funerals

Grace Klock

AUBURN — Grace K. Klock, 88, died Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Klock was a secretary for 12 years at Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1971. She lived on West Tenth Street in Auburn and was a member of the First Christian Church, Auburn. She worked in the horticulture department at Purdue University from 1931 to 1935.

She was born Oct. 7, 1910, in Tipton County, Ind., to the late Marion Wesley and Leora (Smith) Kinder.

She married William B. Klock on Dec. 1, 1935, in Lafayette. He died April 29, 1971.

Surviving her are three daughters, Jane K. McWhirter and Anne K. Moss (and husband, Jerry L.), all of Indianapolis, and Ruth K. Mavis of Syracuse, N.Y.; and five grandchildren, Evan J. and Katie Moss, Laura Jane Moss Taylor, and Elizabeth and Emily Mavis.

Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Auburn Eastern Star lodge will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, with calling from 9-11 a.m. Dr. Richard Moore will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church of Auburn.

Marguerite Shull

LAGRANGE — Marguerite K. Shull, 86, of rural LaGrange, died Wednesday at 10:55 p.m. in the home of her daughter in Burnettsville.

She was born April 30, 1912, in Allen County to Philander and Ida E. (Osborn) Wilson. On Oct. 5, 1933, in DeKalb County, she married Fredrick W. Shull, who preceded her in death April 1, 1986.

Mrs. Shull, a lifetime resident of Steuben and LaGrange counties, was a homemaker. She was a member of Stroh Church of God.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Clark (Carma) Milleman of Burnettsville, and Mrs. Charles (Lois) Bartels of Humboldt, Tenn.; two sons, Clare E. Shull of Sacramento, Calif., and Gerald L. Shull of Minden, La.; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne L. Shull, on Nov. 19, 1998.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Lloyd Jury officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-6 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Stroh Church of God.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Davis

AUBURN — Mary Jo Opper Davis, 67, died today at 12:41 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 14, 1931, in Wharton, Ohio, to the late Ray Vernon and Mary Flossie Collatta (McEvoy) Bristoll.

She married Gene Tunney Opper on June 19, 1948, and he died Nov. 15, 1983. She then married Robert Eugene Davis on Sept. 21, 1985, in Fremont and he died Sept. 18, 1988.

Surviving her are three sons and their wives, Patrick and Kathy Opper, and Ingemar and Kris Opper, all of Auburn, and Robin and Bessie Opper of Fort Wayne; a daughter and her husband, Tina and Jeffrey Galligher of Auburn; one brother, Thomas Bristoll of Findlay, Ohio; two sisters, Viola Gibson and Maxine Hendricks, both of Carey, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Christopher, Joshua, Casey, Logan, Kyle, Kory and Nolan Opper, Jason and Justin Galligher, and Tabatha Paradise; one stepgrandchild, Sheldon VanPelt; and two stepgreat- grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Mount Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Good Samaritan Center and Shelter Ministries Inc.

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Florence Binkley

FREMONT — Florence "Flossie" Greenman Binkley, 90, of Fremont, died Wednesday at The Laurels of Coldwater, Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Binkley had been a homemaker and was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints in Coldwater. She was past president of the Montgomery, Mich., Senior Citizens and was a board member for Steuben County Farm Bureau.

She was noted for her journalistic abilities and had worked as a writer for the Steuben County Republican, The Coldwater Reporter and The Fremont Eagle.

She was born June 11, 1908, near Marshall, Mich., to the late Daniel and Jenet (Treadwell) Greenman.

Surviving are three daughters, Enid Havens (and husband, Charles Shellhammer) of Seattle, Joan Michael of Bronson, Mich., and Jeanette Stoner of Litchfield, Mich.; a son, Fredrick Binkley (and wife, Doris) of Wales, Mass.; a sister, Lola Wing of Marshall; two sisters-in-law, Mary Binkley and Verna Binkley; and 18 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Carl Binkley, in 1985; a son, James, in 1983; and a great-granddaughter.

Friends may call today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will take place Saturday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, Coldwater, with Elders Judy and Richard Maneval officiating. Cremation will follow. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the services.

Memorial donations may be made to the aviary project at The Laurels of Coldwater or to the church.

Stewart Capp

BUTLER — Stewart R. Capp, 72, died Tuesday at 9:50 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Capp was a mail clerk, a farmer and a school bus driver for DeKalb County Eastern Community Schools. He was a 4-H leader for 25 years. He was a lifelong area resident and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202, Butler Eagles Lodge 2733 and Forrest Lodge 239, F.&A.M.

He was born Aug. 26, 1926, in Butler to the late Roscoe and Pauline (Hart) Capp.

Surviving him are three stepsons, Mike McDowell of Springfield, Mo., Scott McDowell of Sparks, Nev., and Kevin McDowell of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Diana McDowell of Florida, Debra Storer of LaJara, N.M., and Patty Kermicle of Verona, Wis.; a niece, Sheri Scrivens of Reading, Mich., and a nephew, Steven Kaiser of Roswell, Ga.

One sister, Jeanette Kaiser, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in Butler Cemetery, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. There will be no calling.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Keller Jr.

FREMONT — Lawrence "John" Keller Jr., 59, of rural Williams County, Ohio, died Wednesday at his home after an extended illness.

He was self-employed as a locksmith and also was a farmer and a beekeeper. He had worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne from 1963-1978.

Mr. Keller enjoyed his family and the outdoors. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1962.

He was born Jan. 14, 1940, in Williams County to the late Lawrence John Keller Sr. and Laura Susan (McBride) Keller.

Surviving are his wife, Diana (Pocock) Keller; two sons, David Keller (and wife, Norene) and Robert Keller (and wife, Robbie), all of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Lori Henderson (and husband, Roy) of Angola, and Mary Beem (and husband, Jeff) of Fremont; two grandchildren, Johnathon and Anna; a stepbrother, Les McLain (and wife, Brenda) of Auburn; and a stepsister, Nellie Rodriquez of Monrovia, Calif.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, where friends may call from 9:30 a.m. Saturday until service time. Pastor Ron Moser will officiate. Burial will be in West Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Barbara Jean Himes**, 78, died at 11:25 p.m. Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

SYRACUSE — **Theora E. Hull**, 96, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, with calling there one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Galen Holcomb

HUDSON — Galen L. Holcomb, 67, of Hudson, died Friday in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Holcomb

Mr. Holcomb lived in Hudson for 30 years after moving from Fort Wayne. He worked as an attendant on the Indiana Toll Road and was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

He was born Aug. 13, 1931, in Fort Wayne to the late Clarence and Nora (Swihart) Holcomb.

On June 12, 1955, he married Lois (Newnam) Holcomb, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Gay L. Holcomb of Wilmore, Ky., and two brothers, Carl Holcomb of Goshen and Kenneth Holcomb of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Swink.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to The Gideons International.

Paige Leland

ANGOLA — Paige Nicole Leland died one hour and 42 minutes after her birth Thursday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was born at 5:07 p.m. and died at 6:49 p.m. Thursday.

Surviving are her parents, Matthew S. Leland and Leanne E. Reiser of Angola; paternal grandparents, Robin and Bryan Leland of Pleasant Lake, and Patricia and Doug Shawver of Angola; her maternal grandparents, Julie and James Conley of Fort Wayne, and Tamara and Charles Benz III of Angola; maternal great-grandparents, Blaine and Clara Caywood of Angola, Charles Benz II of Angola, and Rita Benz of Oklahoma; maternal great-great-grandparents, Alonzo and Anna Caywood of Angola; paternal great-grandparents, Robert and Patsy Leland of Angola, George and Lucy Mowry of Waterloo, and Lily Taylor of Angola; and a sister, Breanna Reiser, at home.

Graveside services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in Block Cemetery, Salem Township, Steuben County, with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Paula Fisher

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Paula Matzo "Polly" Fisher, 86, formerly of Angola, died Wednesday in her Hot Springs home.

Mrs. Fisher was a retired waitress and bartender. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Women of the Moose. She moved to Hot Springs in 1995.

She was born Feb. 24, 1913, in Detroit to the late John and Anna Marie Matzo.

She married Ned Fisher in 1960. He preceded her in death on May 8, 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Fred Philipp (and wife, Judy) of Nashville, Tenn., and Tom Philipp (and wife, Vicki) of Hot Springs; two granddaughters, Ella Philipp and Terri Philipp Garton; five grandsons, Scott, Keith, Tom, Jim and Joseph Philipp; and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and four sisters also preceded her in death.

There will be no calling. Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Jon Charleston

FORT WAYNE — Jon Charleston, 49, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Charleston was a senior vice president and partner of Charleston Auctioneers Inc. in Fort Wayne and a nationally accredited auctioneer and appraiser in 31 states. He was a licensed GRI real estate broker.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Haven, and was actively involved in philanthropic organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Stop Child Abuse Now and the Concordia High School benefit auctions. He was a competitive bodybuilder with several state and national championship titles to his credit. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting and scuba diving.

He was born Jan. 29, 1950.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra; two sons, Benjamin Jon Charleston of Bloomington and Brock A. Charleston of Lake Bluff, Ill.; a daughter, Brooke L. Charleston of Bloomington; his parents, Keith and Winifred Baker of Waterloo; three brothers, Robert B. Charleston of Fort Wayne, Charles K. Charleston of Gilbert, Ariz., and Bradley Baker of Jacksonville, Fla.; and five sisters, Georgia A. Holmes and Mary Lou Chronister, both of Fort Wayne, Sue Dziamara of Annandale, N.J., Margaret Bailer of Waterloo, and Kathy Martin of Butler.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Haven.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the church. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery.

Memorial donations to SCAN or church improvement are preferred.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Deloris M. Ruffing**, 81, of Kernersville, N.C., and formerly of Churubusco, died Wednesday at 6:20 p.m. at her residence following a three-week illness. Friends may call at the L.K. Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco this morning from 9-11 a.m. Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. today in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Della L. Ackerman** died Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Kendallville Manor. Funeral services are pending at the Hite Funeral Home.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Levi D. Graber**, 85, of Shipshewana, died Friday at 1:45 p.m. in his home. Calling after 1 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the home.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruby Houser

GREENTOWN, Ind. — Ruby Mae Houser, 91, died Sunday at 1:15 p.m. in Century Villa Health Care at Greentown.

She was a former Auburn Automobile Co. employee and also worked for Messenger Corp. She formerly lived in Fort Wayne, Coldwater, Mich., and Elkhart, and was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Houser was born March 19, 1908, in Auburn to the late John and Nellie (Lockwood) Dosch.

She married Milton Clark in 1931 and he died in 1974. She married Robert Houser in 1979 and he died in 1997.

Surviving her are two daughters, Nancy Lee Willie of Lake City, Mich., and Mary N. Troyer of Macomb, Ill.; one stepson, Dennis Lloyd Houser of El Toro, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Dorcas Anne Kleworth of Corona, Calif., and Jane Lynne Houser of Garden Grove, Calif.; one sister, June Mason of Greentown; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, David Milton Clark, one daughter, Shirley N. Clark, and one brother, Frank Dosch.

Her funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. John Hostetter, pastor of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hubbard Hill Retirement Home in Elkhart or Century Villa Health Care in Greentown.

David Foote

CHURUBUSCO — David W. Foote, 64, of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at 4:18 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health since 1989 and had entered the hospital on Thursday.

He was born Dec. 5, 1934, south of Auburn, to Willard J. and Clara (Martin) Foote. On Feb. 11, 1956, in Fort Wayne, he married Donna M. Notestine. She survives.

Mr. Foote moved to Whitley County as a child and lived at Collins for a period of time before moving to Blue Lake. He was a 1953 graduate of Churubusco High School. He was employed as a press operator for the former Tri-County Truth in Churubusco and later worked for a print shop in Roanoke. He also, along with his father and brother, operated Foote Print Printing at Blue Lake. He was employed 15 years as a press operator and foreman at the Post and Mail in Columbia City, and retired as a foreman in 1989 due to poor health from Courier Printing in Kendallville after 12 years. He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael D. and Darlene H. Foote of Blue Lake; a daughter, Deborah A. Macy of Blue Lake; two other daughters and sons-in-law, Diane E. and Gene Fischer of Kendallville, and Susan M. and Don Renner of Spencerville; his stepmother, Lillian Foote of Avilla; and a sister, Jackie Brown of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Longardner and Phyllis Weaver; and four brothers, Joseph Foote, Richard Foote, Charles Foote and Alton Foote.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Dennis A. Shock officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Whitley County EMS or Whitley County Medic 21.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Virginia Conley**, 95, died Sunday at 12:35 p.m. Services at 7 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Wednesday in Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville. Visitation is from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Vemba G. Myers**, of rural Wolcottville, died at 8:15 p.m. Friday. Services were today in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Della Nora Ackerman**, 95, died at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dessa B. Richard**, 99, died Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Curtis Hicks**, 75, died Saturday at 8:25 p.m. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with calling there after 3 p.m. today and all day Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Linda Arnold**, 51, died Saturday. Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Ronald Cleveland

AUBURN — Ronald L. Cleveland, 48, died Monday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Surviving him are his parents, Samuel and Loretta Cleveland of North Palm Springs, Calif.; two sisters, Connie Jo Cleveland and Barbara Marocco, both of North Palm Springs, and two nephews.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Gladys Thompson

GARRETT — Gladys A. Thompson, 80, died Monday morning at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1936 and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the UTU and Garrett's Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 27, 1918, in Auburn to the late Milo and Cora (Burroughs) Furnish.

She married Darrell "Buck" Thompson on July 25, 1936, in Kendallville. He died Nov. 5, 1978.

Surviving her are three daughters, Norma Smolek of Greencastle, Bette Vauris of Troy, Ohio, and Joan Sattison of Garrett; one son, Darrell D. of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald Furnish of LaGrange and Richard Furnish of Garrett; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

There will be private family calling today. A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Daniel Hamlin officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association of Northeast Indiana, 802 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46802, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Thomas E. Duncan**, 75, died Saturday. Graveside service at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Thorn Cemetery, Noble County.

KENDALLVILLE — **Adrian O. "Tim" Bollinger**, 78, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today and after 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

William Hart

ANGOLA — William J. Hart, 80, of Angola, died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Hart, an Army veteran of World War II, was a retired truck driver for Safeway Truck Lines.

He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola; the Montpelier, Ohio, Masonic Lodge; Angola Moose Lodge 1568; Angola American Legion Post 31; and Zollner Golf Course.

He was born Oct. 18, 1918, in Bridgewater Center, Ohio, to the late William and Evah (Mapes) Hart.

On Dec. 24, 1941, he married Margurette (McDaniel) Hart, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, William Hart III of Angola, John Hart of McKinney, Texas, and Richard Hart of Bonnie Lake, Wash.; a daughter, Christine Souder of Andrews, N.C.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Trudy Hart, and two brothers, Wayne Hart and Howard Hart.

Friends may call Saturday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Ralph Brown

WATERLOO — Ralph E. Brown, 70, died Tuesday at 12:45 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

He worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 15 years, retiring in 1990, and was a self-employed building contractor. He had lived on Colgrove Street in Waterloo.

Mr. Brown was born Jan. 2, 1929, in Defiance, Ohio, to the late Clarence and Mable (Jump) Brown.

He married Mary E. Stebing on April 19, 1951, in Auburn. She died Sept. 12, 1990.

Surviving her are four sons, Marion "Mike" of Angola, Edwin of Osceola, Robert of Fremont and David of Waterloo; one daughter, Leona Michaels of Angola; a half-brother, William Clark of Columbia City; one sister, Mary Watkins of Flint, Ind.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Brown in 1972, two brothers, Robert Brown and Wilber Brown, and two sisters, Ercale Tuto and an infant sister.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery, with the Rev. Darold Beck of the Angola Assembly of God Church officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Rozelda Hunt

ANTWERP, Ohio — Rozelda C. "Rosie" Hunt, 79, died Tuesday at 7:42 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was an assembler and inspector for 30 years at Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp. She was a charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 Auxiliary. She was a member of Royal Neighbors, Weatherhead Retirees, UAW Local 1871 and was a committee person for the Paulding County Democratic Party. She lived in Antwerp.

Mrs. Hunt was born Oct. 22, 1919, in Logansport to the late Clarence C. and Magdelina (Mueller) Otto.

She married Luther Hunt on Nov. 25, 1936, in Marion, Ohio. He died in 1981.

Surviving her are eight daughters, Nancy Burns of Butler, Sandra Sauder of Van Wert, Ohio, Laurenda Gibson, Peg Johnson, Lesa Hunt, Rebecca Hunt and Melissa Girardot, all of Antwerp, and Kathy Maudlin of Moriarity, N.M.; three sons, Jim and Martin, both of Antwerp, and William of Cecil, Ohio; three brothers, Jacob Otto of Marion, Ohio, Martin Otto of Lorain, Ohio, and Robert Otto of Findlay, Ohio; 31 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Clarence C. Otto Jr., preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from noon-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. A VFW Auxiliary service will be conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral will be held Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will take place in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association, First Baptist Church of Antwerp Van Fund, or Cure Autism Now.

Mary Winebrenner

GARRETT — Mary June Winebrenner, 70, died Tuesday at 1:08 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a stenographer at Medical Protective in Fort Wayne for 24 years, retiring in 1983. She lived in Garrett and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Winebrenner was born June 25, 1928, in Garrett to the late Claude D. and Mabel G. (Grogg) Yarde.

She married Robert E. Winebrenner on Nov. 11, 1978, in Auburn and he survives.

A brother, Eugene Yarde of Garrett, also survives.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with Pastor Jeremy Russell officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Parkinson's Disease organizations.

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Blanche Briner

EDGERTON, Ohio — Blanche S. Briner, 85, died Tuesday at 4:31 p.m. in Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio, shortly after she was admitted.

She was a homemaker and owned and operated Briner's General Store in Edgerton with her husband until her retirement in 1983. She was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church, the Edgerton Garden Club, United Methodist Women and the Mary Martha Circle.

Mrs. Briner was born July 16, 1913, in Aldvorton, Ohio, to the late William J. and Bertha B. (Brooks) Rhoades.

She married Warren Briner on July 13, 1936, in Syracuse, Ind., and he died July 11, 1983.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Gary Moughler of Knoxville, Tenn., and Cassie Moughler of Butler; two brothers, Carl Rhoades of Tampa, Fla,, and Richard Rhoades of Sandusky, Ohio; and a son-in-law, Roger Moughler, and his wife, Judy, of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Gloria Moughler, in 1986.

Friends may call Friday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kevin Orr officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Edgerton United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice

Maxie Ward

FORT WAYNE — Maxie Ward, 85, died Monday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a beautician and lived in Fort Wayne. She formerly lived in Angola.

She was born Sept. 17, 1913, in Paulding, Ohio. Her husband, Marion Floyd "Mike" Ward, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Sandra McVoy of Indianapolis; one sister, Dorothy Yockey of Angola; one brother, Alan Leslie; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne. There will be no funeral service. Burial will take place in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Linda Arnold

LAGRANGE — Linda L. Arnold, 51, of rural LaGrange, died Saturday in a collision while on vacation in Cozumel, Mexico.

She was born May 1, 1947, in Detroit, Mich., to Leonard and Adeline (Jennings) Garlick. Her mother preceded her in death. Her father survives in Maybee, Mich. On March 30, 1968, in Milan, Mich., she married Mont A. Arnold. He also survives.

Mrs. Arnold, a dental hygienist for Dr. Greg Barry in Fremont and Dr. Jeff Bassett in LaGrange, moved from Kendallville to LaGrange in 1980. She was a member of LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity and the American Dental Association.

Surviving with her husband and father are a daughter, Mary M. Arnold of McKinleyville, Calif.; a son, Steven S. Arnold of Lafayette; two brothers, Ron Garlick of Hamilton, Mont., and Gordon Garlick of Dexter, Mich.; a half-sister, Barbara Zernhelt of Montevallo, Ala.; and two half-brothers, Ron Crowell of South Fulton, Tenn., and Terry Edwards of Sharon, Tenn.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dale Linhart officiating. Cremation will follow services.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity or Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne's Dental Hygiene Scholarship Fund.

The Evening Star, Thurs., April 15, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Vernon Wyatt

FORT WAYNE — Vernon Wyatt, 91, died Wednesday at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Wyatt retired from General Electric Co. in 1970 after 27 years of service. He then worked for The Towne House, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Colony Heights Church of Christ and the General Electric Quarter Century Club. He volunteered at The Towne House after his retirement.

He was born Jan. 19, 1908 in Decatur.

Surviving him are his wife, Amber L. (Murray) Wyatt; one daughter, Founda Sue Adams of Fort Wayne; three sons, Robin N. of Fort Wayne, and Stanley V. and Marvin J., both of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Irene Welsh of Maryland; two brothers, William "Red" Burns of St. Joe and Irvin Burns of Cecil, Ohio; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Neoma Shook and Lucile Wyatt, and one brother, Virgil Burns, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Colony Heights Church of Christ, 4724 E. Tillman Road, with calling at the church after 10:30 a.m. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Lucille E. Johnson**, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. Calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

LAGRANGE — **Linda L. Arnold**, 51, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

SOUTH MILFORD — **Margaret R. Slone**, 75, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6- 8 p.m. today.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Lendel E. Burkey Sr.**, 79, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Friday.

The Evening Star, Fri., April 16, 1999

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Hazel M. Clifford**, 94, died Thursday. Services at 4 p.m. Sunday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

The Evening Star, Mon., April 19, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Jay Smith

HAMILTON — Jay Smith, 70, died early Sunday evening at the home of his daughter, Debra Benyi. He had been ill since last August.

Mr. Smith retired from Auburn Gear in 1994. He was a member of the West Milford Church of Christ in Hicksville, Ohio. He lived on Hamilton Lake.

He was born Dec. 21, 1928, in Farmer, Ohio, to the late William and Amy (Ross) Smith.

He married Patsy "Pat" Schooley on Aug. 12, 1949, and she died Feb. 6, 1999.

Surviving him are two daughters, Kathy Spillers and Debra Benyi, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Irene Knapp and Betty Ellert, both of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

Three brothers, Earl, Bud and Ivan, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday after 2 p.m. and Wedenesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. Lloyd Turnbull, minister of the West Milford Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will take place in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to Parkview Hospice Program or the West Milford Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Dae Targgart Jr.**, 78, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris M. Lane**, 98, died Sunday. Services at 3 p.m. Tuesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with calling there three hours before services.

HOWE — **W. Jean Chrystler**, 78, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

SYRACUSE — **Millard S. Kirkwood**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

NEW HAVEN — **Vayne Lord**, 82, died Thursday. Services were today in New Haven.

SYRACUSE — **Richard N. Baker**, 76, died Friday. Services were today in Syracuse.

The Evening Star, Tues., April 20, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Eula Webster

BUTLER — Eula Webster, 87, died Sunday at 2:05 p.m. at the Laurels Nursing Home in Butler. She had been a patient there for the past six months.

Mrs. Webster previously made her home on County Road 79-A. She was a graduate of Hicksville (Ohio) High School with the class of 1929. She had worked in the Detroit area with several insurance agencies.

She was born Feb. 26, 1912, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Ora and Leona (Snyder) Beerbower.

She married Weldon W. Webster in Auburn on Sept. 12, 1929. They lived in the Detroit area until 1971, when they moved to their rural Butler home. Mr. Webster died Jan. 28, 1997.

She is survived by one son, Larry Webster of Detroit; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and Cecil Beerbower; and two sisters, Alice Berkeypile and Vernice Carter.

Friends may call today after 5 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Newville Cemetery. Lloyd Turnbull, minister of the West Milford Church of Christ, will officiate.

Elizabeth 'Bette' Smith

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Elizabeth "Bette" Smith, 78, of Vero Beach and formerly of Angola, died March 13 at Indian River Hospital, Vero Beach.

Mrs. Smith, a homemaker, moved to Vero Beach 15 years ago from Angola.

She was born April 10, 1920, in Angola to the late John and Irma (Morse) Goudy.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Ronald Smith of Vero Beach; a son, Ronald Smith Jr. of Cary, N.C.; two sisters, Sue Sanxter of Angola and Florence Hatcher of Greencastle; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Jack Goudy.

A memorial service begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1101 Destiny Road, Maitland, Fla. 32751.

Donald Ater

EDGERTON, Ohio — Donald N. Ater, 64, of Edgerton, died Monday in Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio, after an extended illness.

He was an insurance agent for 30 years and owned the Ater Agency for the past 10 years. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Ater was born April 1, 1935, in Clarksburg, Ohio, to the late Nye S. and Madge M. (Goldsberry) Ater.

He married Maxine Morhart on April 15, 1967, in Antwerp, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, David Ater of Angola; two daughters, Beth Blotter of Angola and Patty Gould of Fremont; three sisters, Judith Heisler of Edgerton, Patricia Stotts of Fairborn, Ohio, and Jo Wyatt of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; one brother, Richard Ater of Columbus, Ohio, and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kevin Orr officiating. Burial will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with military graveside rites conducted by John D. Smith American Legion Post 10.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Leukemia Society.

Sylvia Steiner

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Sylvia V. Steiner, 94, died Monday at 6:30 p.m. at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

She was a retired teacher and a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Leo-Cedarville.

She was born May 10, 1904, in Grabill to the late Eli and Emma (Lindegger) Steiner.

Surviving her are one sister, Rhoda Schlatter of Spencerville, eight nephews and five nieces.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, John, Enos, Sam, Solomon and Menno Steiner; and five sisters, Esther Steiner, Anna Steiner, Persida Steiner, Mary Getz and Elda Steiner.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Apostolic Christian Church.

Her funeral service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the church, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will take place in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to new Tribes Missions, or T.E.A.M.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Tues., April 20, 1999 (cont'd)

Evelyn Acker

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn Helen Acker, 81, of Kendallville, died at 2 p.m. Sunday in her home.

She was born July 23, 1917, in Kendallville to William and Maude (Thompson) Wagner. On July 25, 1936, in Albion, she married Raymond Acker, who preceded her in death July 4, 1992.

Mrs. Acker, a lifetime area resident, attended Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Phyllis) Simmons of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Simmons and Patrick Simmons, both of Butler, Phillip Simmons of Auburn, and Brian Simmons of Kendallville; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Nina Rasler of Avilla, and Anna Bailey of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Evening Star, Wed., April 21, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Cleo Imhoff

WATERLOO — Cleo M. Imhoff, 97, died Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Hill Side Country Living Nursing Home in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Imhoff lived on Colgrove Street in Waterloo. She was a homemaker and a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born July 24, 1901, in Auburn to Nelson and Emma (Pugsley) Kramer.

In 1920 in Waterloo she married Lynn A. Imhoff, who preceded her in death in 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Doris E. and Harvey M. Fairchild of West Unity, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Jessie Drost; two sons, Buford and LaMar Imhoff; two sisters, one brother and one great-grandson.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will take place in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Nellie Shoff

FREMONT — Nellie Elizabeth Shoff, 90, of Fremont, died Monday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Shoff had been employed for several years at Wayne Knitting Mills, Fort Wayne, and at Shultz's Department Store, Angola. She was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

She was born July 13, 1908, in Roanoke to the late Eslie and Minnie (Denis) Rupert.

Surviving are a daughter, Evelyn (Mrs. Ed) Sevits of Fremont; a daughter-in-law, Mary Shoff of Florida; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 1991; a stepson, William Clayton Shoff; and a granddaughter, Sarah.

Friends may call Friday from noon until 3 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 3 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Rashley officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, north of Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the S.A.R.A.H. Fund.

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Violet Curtland Foster

ANGOLA — Violet G. Curtland Foster, 86, of Angola, died Monday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Foster had been a cook for many years at area restaurants and retired from Hamilton House. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God of America, Angola.

She was born Feb. 26, 1913, in Illinois to the late Ed and Alice Hill.

Surviving are two daughters, Glenda Dove of Angola, and Arlene Crager of Garrett; a brother, Tad Hill of Arizona; five grandchildren, including Jim Musser and his fiancee, Kim Carpenter, and Julie Miller and her husband, Chuck; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Lester Curtland and Arthur Foster; and two sisters, Ione and Ruth.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Kenny Boots officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Redman

FREMONT — Mary Elizabeth Redman, 82, of Fremont, died Tuesday in The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

A homemaker, Mrs. Redman was born March 2, 1917, in Allerton, Ill., to the late Jay and Nettie Payne.

A son and daughter-in-law, Michael J. and Sue Redman, and two grandchildren survive in Fremont.

Service arrangements are pending at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Deborah A. Cronin

Edgerton, Ohio — 1950-1999

Deborah A. Cronin, 48, of Edgerton, Ohio, a fourth-grade teacher, died Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at St. Joseph Hospital.

The Bryan native taught at North Central Schools in Pioneer, was a member of Countryside Church of Christ in Grabill, Ind., North Central Education Association and the Ohio and national education associations.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth W.; sons Chad W. and Cory E. both at home; a daughter, Chelsea S. at home; her parents, Marvin and Marilyn Lundy of Edgerton; a brother, Steve of Edgerton; and a sister, Connie of Edgerton.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with calling from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the church or donor's choice.

Information provided by Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, 1-419-298-2329.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Lillian M. Waller**, 86, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Frank D. Wilkins**, 54, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Beatrice M. Axsom Huss**, 81, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there one hour before services.

LAGRANGE — **Lucille E. Oliver**, 85, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

WARSAW — **Gordon Lee Hohman**, 63, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Warsaw. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Lillian T. Herstad**, 86, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mary Redman

FREMONT — Mary Elizabeth Redman, 82, of Fremont, died Tuesday in The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

A homemaker, Mrs. Redman was born March 2, 1917, in Allerton, Ill., to the late Jay and Nettie Payne.

A son and daughter-in-law, Michael J. and Sue Redman, and two grandchildren survive in Fremont.

There will be no services or calling at this time. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Charles R. "Charlie Pumpkin" Williams**, 78, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Richville United Methodist Church, west of Ligonier. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

The Evening Star, Fri., April 23, 1999

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Russell E. "Ed" Morgan**, 40, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier.

COLUMBIA CITY — **M. Navada Benzinger**, 90, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

HUNTERTOWN — **Jeanette B. Franklin**, 50, died Thursday. Services at 7 p.m. Sunday in Union Chapel United Brethren Church, 12628 Coldwater Road. Calling 6-8 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and two hours before services on Sunday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday in Topeka.

Deaths/Funerals

Linus Gerber

OSSIAN — Linus R. Gerber, 58, died Thursday at 3:15 p.m. in his Ossian home.

Mr. Gerber was a co-owner of the Gerber Brothers SuperValu food market chain in Berne, Bluffton, Portland and Wapakoneta, Ohio. He was on the advisory board for Super Valu in 1988.

He was an usher in the Apostolic Christian Church in 1980 and became an usher in the Bluffton North Apostolic Church as an assistant to the head usher in 1982. He then became head usher in 1987. He was named Christian care director in January 1997.

He had been a Little League sponsor and coach since 1972 for Gerber Brothers. He was a member of Ossian Lions Club and was the Ossian United Way director for 10 years. He was grand marshal at Ossian Days in 1998. He was an officer and director of Mariner Condos in Marco Inland, Fla., and an officer and director of Wawasee Condos.

He was born July 3, 1940, in Bluffton to Ralph O. and Mildred (Frauhiger) Gerber. His mother survives in Bluffton and his father is deceased.

Surviving him are his wife, Nancy (Shady); two daughters, Jill Middaugh of Auburn and Jackie Jenkins of Ossian; one son, Jarrod of Bluffton; one brother, Sam of Bluffton; one sister, Sandy Mendenhall of Bluffton; and five grandchildren, Ben, Chad, Megan, Jacob and Bradley.

Friends may call today from 1-8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

His funeral service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Bluffton North Apostolic Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Ministers of the church will officiate. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Christian Care Retirement Center or the Wells County chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The above obituary is being republished with additional details that were not available Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Adkins

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie C. Adkins, 82, of Kendallville, died at 4:35 p.m. Saturday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville, following a two-year illness.

She was born in Wayland, Ky., June 13, 1916, to Alex and Sally (Collins) Gibson.

Mrs. Adkins had worked for a drycleaning business in Fairborn, Ohio, and was a member of Zion Baptist Church in Valentine.

Surviving are three daughters, Dorothy Houdyschell of Amarillo, Texas, Kay Patterson of Encorise, Mich., and Connie Trent of Fairborn; two sons, Gay Adkins of Encorise, and Don Lee Adkins of California; three sisters, Evelyn Lartigue and Princess Wheaton, both of Kendallville, and Irene Collins of Corunna; and a brother, Eddie Hicks of Florida.

She was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Visitation is after 4 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Regina Girardot

KENDALLVILLE — Regina Ann Girardot, 98, of Kendallville, died at 11:15 p.m. Friday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. She had been ill one year.

She was born in Bluffton July 26, 1900, to Ellsworth and Mary (Nussbaumer) Vachon. On Aug. 27, 1919, in New Haven, she married Arthur Girardot, who preceded her in death Feb. 15, 1980.

Mrs. Girardot, a homemaker, was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and its rosary sodality, Daughters of Isbell of Fort Wayne, Catholic Order of Forresters and Kendallville Senior Citizens.

Surviving are a daughter, Rita Fitzgerald of Angola, three grandchildren, Timothy Fitzgerald of Angola, and Linda Smith and Gregory Schumacher, both of Fremont; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-5 p.m. today and one hour before services on Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County.

Delores Etheridge

MONTPELIER, Ind. — Delores J. Etheridge, 69, died Friday at 5:08 p.m. in the emergency room of Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City.

Mrs. Etheridge was a homemaker and formerly attended the Montpelier Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of Millard Brown American Legion Post 156 Auxiliary, Bluffton Moose Lodge and Fisher Body Sympathy Club. She attended Auburn High School.

She was born June 1, 1929, in Auburn to the late Dale Delbert and Thelma Deliah (Sproat) Purdy.

She married Glenn R. Etheridge on May 12, 1948, in Angola, and he died Nov. 19, 1996.

Surviving her are three daughters, Mary Chandler, Glenda Michael and Beth Cansler, all of Montpelier; three brothers, Dale Eugene Purdy of Mesa, Ariz., Danny Purdy of Bluffton and Rick Purdy of Butler; three sisters, Maxine Henson of Gilbert, Ariz., Barbara Lou Gauthier of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ardola Christlieb of Hartford City; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A grandson, two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Her funeral took place today at 1 p.m. in Glancy Funeral Homes-Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Pastor Ken Horning officiated, with burial in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

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Joseph Maddalone Jr.

AUBURN — Joseph F. Maddalone Jr., 52, died Sunday at 4:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Maddalone was a tow motor driver at Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn for 27 years. He was a member and past second commander of Butler American Legion Post 202 and was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Garrett Baptist Church and American Red Cross, and worked with civil service.

Maddalone

He was born Dec. 25, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Joseph F. Maddalone Sr., who survives in Fort Wayne, and the late Theresa (Gigli) Maddalone.

On March 11, 1972, he married Janet E. Fender in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Theresa E. Parker and Elizabeth Ann Maddalone, both of Auburn, and Janet M. Jones of Rome City; a brother, Jim Maddalone of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Carol Folden, Patty Maddalone, Debbie Rizzo and Tina Maddalone, all of Fort Wayne, and Lisa Hill of Mishawaka; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cynthia.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

A funeral service will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, Auburn.

David Sweet

WATERLOO — David A. Sweet, 48, died Friday at 11 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Sweet worked for the state highway department for 27 years. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, where he was an usher. He served on the Waterloo Car Show Committee, was the president of the Waterloo Park Board, and was active in the Waterloo Crossroads Festival.

Sweet

He was born Dec. 15, 1950, in Kendallville. His mother, Elsie Keck and his stepfather, Robert Keck, survive Auburn.

On April 23, 1983, he married Victoria "Vicki" Schortgen in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Sam of Waterloo; a daughter, Mindy Sweet of Waterloo; a brother, Michael of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barb Gordon of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Shauna Sweet.

His father, Wayne Sweet, and a brother, Charles, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

A funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association.

Maudie Greuter

CORUNNA — Maudie C. Greuter, 92, died Saturday at her home in Corunna.

Mrs. Greuter made clothing and blankets for World Relief for many years. She was a member of the Leo Apostolic Christian Church.

She was born Nov. 13, 1906, in Zanesville to the late Simon U. and Della Mae (Cromer) Smith.

On Jan. 16, 1926, she married John C. Greuter in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on June 3, 1958.

Also preceding her in death were two grandchildren, Eddie Garman and Scott Anderson; two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Keller, Harold, Jim and Andy Smith; and two sisters, Esma Berry and Ethel Hartley.

She is survived by a son, John Greuter of Harlan; three daughters, Wanda Halte and Ruth Garman, both of Corunna, and Alice Thompson of St. Joe; a sister, Violet Rhoades of Paulding, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

A funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Leo Apostolic Christian Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 221 N. Main St., Suite 108, Auburn, IN 46706, or Gateway Woods Children's Home, P.O. Box 151, Leo, IN 46765.

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Joyce Krause

FORT WAYNE — Joyce I. Krause, 71, died Thursday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in New Haven. She was a homemaker and enjoyed reading.

Surviving are her husband, Charles G. Krause of Leo-Cedarville; a daughter, Sandra L. Krontz of Angola; four sons, Dennis C. Krause of Wallace, Texas, Karl G. Krause of Albion, Martin J. Krause of Spencerville, and Michael E. Krause of Leo-Cedarville; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association Northeast Indiana Region.

Josephine Harger

BUTLER — Josephine Harger, 81, died Saturday at 1 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Harger was born April 15, 1918, in Steuben County to the late Irven and Cordy (Richardson) Lechleidner.

She married Othel A. Harger on March 6, 1937, in Angola. He died Feb. 4, 1982.

Surviving her are two sons, Dennis W. of Butler and James of Angola; two daughters, Lauana M. Graham of Oklawaha, Fla., and Delilah J. Schaeffer of New Haven; two brothers, Charles Lechleidner of Nelsonville, Ohio and Herbert Lechleidner of Montague, Tenn.; one sister, Almira Walters of New Lexington, Ohio, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence; two sisters, Wyonetta Gerdom and Pauline Heiny; and one great-granddaughter.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Her funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Douglas E. Holley officiating. Burial will take place in the South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Heimach Senior Center.

Earl Oberlin

BRYAN, Ohio — Earl Clifford Oberlin II, 76, of Bryan, Ohio, died Sunday shortly after admission to the Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan.

Mr. Oberlin was the founder, former chairman, president and chief executive officer of MFI Investments Corp. (now Sky Investments), a nationwide stock brokerage firm listed on the "Inc. 500" list of America's fastest growing privately-held companies in 1993, 1994 and 1995 during his chairmanship. He retired as chairman of the board in 1996.

Mr. Oberlin owned and operated The Oberlin-Ford Funeral Homes in Bryan and Hamilton, and Merit Monument Co. of Bryan. He was also founder of the former Premium Metallic Casket Co. in Toledo and Quality Care Medical Equipment in Bryan (now American Homepatient in Bryan).

He attended Ohio University, was a graduate of the Cleveland College of Mortuary Science and held a Doctorate of Mortuary Science degree.

A World War II veteran, he served in the South Pacific Theatre for two years in the U.S. Navy and was attached to the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Post 284 of Bryan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2489 of Bryan, Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 2233 of Bryan, Loyal Order of the Moose 1064 of Bryan, Orchard Hills Country Club, Bryan Masonic Lodge 215, Chapter, Council and Commandary, High Twelve, and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Valley of Toledo. He was active nationally in the International Association for Financial Planning and traveled extensively around the world.

Mr. Oberlin is survived by his wife, Polly; three daughters, Mrs. Stephen (Sue) Conway of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. Greg (Salley) Child of Seattle, Wash., and Cynthia Reindl of Bryan; one son, Cliff Oberlin of Bryan; and two grandsons, Adam Epstein of New York City and John (J.C.) Reindl of Bryan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl C. Oberlin, in 1927; his mother, Thelma Oberlin-Ford, in 1982; a stepfather, B. Burr Ford, in 1952; a sister, Mildred (Mid) Mitchell, in 1992; and a son-in-law, Jack Reindl, in 1987.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the chapel of the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dwight Bowers officiating. Burial will be inShiffler Cemetery. A graveside military service will be conducted by the American Legion and VFW.

Memorial donations may be made to the Earl C. and Polly Oberlin Scholarship Fund of the Bryan Area Foundation.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Thelma O. Rufenbarger**, 95, died Saturday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Elm Ridge Memorial Park Cemetery, Muncie. Calling 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services in Muncie.

HUNTERTOWN — **Jeanette B. Franklin**, 50, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Fort Wayne.

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Alice Davison

KENDALLVILLE — Alice V. Davison, 92, died Sunday at Kendallville Manor Health Care in Kendallville.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a laborer with Magnavox. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

She is survived by a son-in-law, Robert Heath of Hudson; a sister, Heleb Brecount of Fort Wayne; and two grandsons, Kevin Heath of Auburn and James Heath of Hudson.

Her daughter, Carol J. Heath, preceded her in death in 1988.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Catholic Church.

Earl Oberlin

BRYAN, Ohio — The location of the funeral service for Earl C. Oberlin II, 76, has been changed. He died Sunday in Bryan.

His funeral will take place Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Wesley United Methodist Church, 903 Center St., Bryan, with the Rev. Dwight Bowers officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery. A graveside military service will be conducted by American Legion Post 284 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2489.

Visitation will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Lynn and Bryan streets, Bryan. The Masonic Lodge will conduct a memorial service today at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

In addition to the survivors listed in Monday's edition, two stepgranddaughters, Alison Conway of Atlanta, Ga., and Robin Conway of New York City, also survive.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Irene F. Halderman**, 74, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **William J. Yoder**, 74, died Monday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Marion Shrock residence, 3545S — 125W. Calling begins after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday in the William J. Yoder residence, 0350W — 350S, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Beatrice Warner**, 86, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ford McCoy**, 80, died Monday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Beth Heileman

AUBURN — Beth Ann Heileman, 35, died Tuesday afternoon at her Auburn home.

She worked at Foamex in Auburn.

Mrs. Heileman was born March 12, 1964, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Anna Rose (Love) Shanyfelt. They survive in Auburn.

She married Bill Heileman on July 18, 1986, in the Assembly of God Church in Waterloo, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Justin, at home; and five brothers, Danial Shanyfelt of Albion, Herbert Shanyfelt of Cleveland, Ohio, Mark Shanyfelt and Brian Shanyfelt, both of Auburn, and Martin Thomas of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Pine

OVIEDO, Fla. — Helen Margaret Pine, 85, died early Monday morning in Winter Park Hospital in Winter Park, Fla.

Mrs. Pine retired as a salesperson from J.C. Penney Co. She lived in DeKalb County before moving to Brooksville, Fla. She moved from Brooksville to Oviedo, Fla., in 1986. She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo, and was a Sunday School teacher for many years. She was a former member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

She was born Feb. 5, 1914, in Fort Wayne. Her parents, Lewis and Pauline Gale, preceded her in death.

She married Paul Pine on Jan. 24, 1948, in Woodburn, and he died April 22, 1997.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Daniel Estok will officiate. Burial will take place in St. Luke's Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to Lutheran Haven Endowment Fund or St. Luke's Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oviedo, is in charge of arrangements.

Charlie Carr

ANGOLA — Charlie D. Carr, 83, of Angola, died Monday at his home.

Mr. Carr was a farmer. He was a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church, a 39-year member and past president of the Land of Lakes Lions Club, a member of the Alpha Farmers Club and The Babes in the Woods Camping Club. He also was a member of the Senior Citizens Card Club. He graduated from Angola High School in 1934.

He was born Feb. 16, 1916, in Steuben County to the late Arthur and Helen (Maloy) Carr.

His wife, Phyllis B. (Green) Carr, whom he married Dec. 31, 1941, survives him.

Also surviving are four daughters, Susan Pepper of Waterford, Mich., Linda Shough of Fort Wayne, Barbara Matchette of Fairmount and Kathy Madigan of Sevierville, Tenn.; a brother, William Carr of Hartland, Mich.; a sister, Margaret Greenamyer of Angola; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Cheryl Carr, in 1950, one brother and two sisters.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. A service by the Land of Lakes Lions Club will take place in the funeral home at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will take place in the Lake Gage Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society and the Land of Lakes Lions Club.

John Maddox

HARTFORD CITY — John Richard Maddox, 76, died Friday. He lived in Hartford City and had a summer residence in Fremont.

He was president of Pacesetter Financial Services Inc. and chairman of the board of Town Financial Corp. He was director emeritus on the board of Pacesetter Bank, of which he was a principal organizer in 1965, and served on the board of Citizens State Bank in New Castle. He was a director on the board of Bank Computer Services, which he helped establish in 1975.

Previously, he owned and operated Hartford Motors Ford dealership in Hartford City, and was an attorney for Hartford City for 10 years, retiring in 1962.

He was a 1943 graduate of Indiana University, where he received a law degree in 1949. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Blackford County and Indiana State Bar associations. He was a former trustee for the Northern Indiana United Methodist Conference Foundation and the Indiana Foundation of United Methodist Church.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Hartford City, Christ Church United Methodist in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Fremont United Methodist Church.

Surviving him are his wife, Jane Cassell Mahorney Maddox; three children, John R., Susan J. Maddox and Amy L. Houser; one brother, James B.; one sister, Joan L. Russell; and nine grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church.

His funeral will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the church, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund, Christ Church United Methodist, or Fremont United Methodist Church.

Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, is in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret Lehman

DUNDEE, Fla. — Margaret Irene Lehman, 73, of Dundee, a former longtime Angola area resident, died April 6 at her home.

She was a homemaker and also worked for ARA Food Services at Tri-State University until she retired.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 3, 1925, to William and Agnes Johnson.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Lehman of Dundee, Fla.; a son Keith (and wife, Sheila) of Pleasant Lake; three daughters, Susan Dailey(and husband, William) of Angola, Rebecca Taner of Winterhaven, Fla., and Paulette Young of Angola; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Mocherman, in 1993.

A memorial service will be held May 15 at 11 a.m. in The Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church of God, Angola, with the Rev. Garry Musser officiating. A luncheon will follow at the church. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, and flowers will be received at the church.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Carrie L. Fletcher**, 21, died Monday as the result of a one-car accident Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

AVILLA — **Irene F. Halderman**, 74, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Aven "Al" Wicker**, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Kendallville, with calling there beginning at 4 p.m.

LAGRANGE — **Cynthia D. Morris**, 41, died Monday. Private memorial service at a later date.

Deaths/Funerals

John Williamson

FORT WAYNE — John W. "Tex" Williamson, 72, died Tuesday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Lewisville, Ark., and was a machine maintenance worker at Zollner Pistons, retiring in 1988 after 36 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Opal Faye; two sons, Johnny Williamson of Nashville, and Donald Williamson of Ossian; four daughters, Patricia Heck, Jeane Nunn and Tamara Snyder, all of Fort Wayne, and Sharon Brunkhart of Yoder; two sisters, Agnes Hartman of Wolcottville, and Margie Dumesnil of Port Neches, Texas; a brother, Henry Williamson of Spencerville; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Nine Mile United Methodist Church, 6303 Winters Road. Burial will be in Maplelawn Cemetery, Nine Mile, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 241.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road.

Preferred memorials are to Nine Mile United Methodist Church.

Victor Fulton

FREMONT — Victor L. Fulton, 75, of Fremont, died unexpectedly Wednesday at his home.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of the American Legion. He also was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church. He retired from Kroger's after working 43 years as a meat cutter.

He was born June 19, 1923, in Fremont to the late George and Beulah Mae (Straw) Fulton.

He was married to Nina (Whitcomb) Fulton nearly 52 years. She survives him.

Also surviving are a daughter, Denise Newbauer (and husband, Charles) of Fremont; two sons, Roger (and wife, Linda) of Fremont and Dennis (and wife, Lori) of Clear Lake; five grandchildren, Nichole, Michael, Ryan, Tiffany and Lindsay; a sister, Mary Lancaster of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Mrs. Dale Nedele of Angola; and a stepbrother, Willard Boore of Fremont.

Friends may call from 2:30-4:30 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Larry Warstler

GARRETT — Larry D. Warstler, 52, a native of Garrett, died Monday at his home in Coral Springs, Fla., after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Warstler worked 34 years for General Electric Co., rising to the position of retail account sales manager. He attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute, and was a second-class bosun's mate in the U.S. Navy, serving in Vietnam.

He graduated from Garrett High School, where he participated in sports. He was a member of the 1964 regional champion basketball team and assisted the football team in achieving an undefeated season.

He was born May 16, 1946, in Garrett to Charles W. and Elsie Mae (Wilhelm) Warstler. His father survives in Clermont, Fla., and his mother is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Connie Bell Warstler of Coral Springs; three sons, Mark Alan of Garrett, and Douglas William and Erik David, both of Coral Springs; two brothers, Clarence and Mike, both of Garrett; and one sister, Charlotte Warstler Whetsell of Garrett.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church, 201 S. Franklin St., with calling after 2:15 p.m. The Rev. Elizabeth Morgan will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice.

Evening Star, Thurs, April 29, 1999 (cont'd)

Lester Jennings

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Lester D. Jennings, 76, died Wednesday at 12:25 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for the past 10 days.

Mr. Jennings worked at General Motors in Defiance, Ohio, for 17 years, retiring in 1985. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a lifetime member of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, and attended the Hicksville Assembly of God Church. He was a past member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club in Hamilton. He lived on West High Street in Hicksville.

He was born March 23, 1923, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to the late Lester and Mildred (Ball) Jennings. He attended school in Butler.

He married Betty Nestor on Nov. 20, 1971, in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Terria Hawkey of Hicksville and Suzette Combs of Antwerp, Ohio; one sister, Lois Lockwood of Waterloo; and four granddaughters.

Two brothers, Dale and Marvin "Tim," preceded him in death.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. and Friday after 9 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. David B. Long, pastor of the Hicksville Assembly of God Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville. The Hicksville posts of the VFW and American Legion will conduct graveside military services.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hicksville Assembly of God Church.

Thayer Bonecutter

WILMINGTON, Ohio — Thayer W. Bonecutter, 80, died April 17 at 6:50 a.m. in Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Bonecutter formerly lived in Waterloo. He retired from the AT&T corporation in 1979 and was a 10-year volunteer at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a glider pilot officer. He participated in battles in Normandy, Holland and the crossing of the Rhine River.

He was the founder of the 81st Troop Carrier Squadron Association. He was a 32nd-degree Mason in Waterloo, and a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Cambridge, Cambridge, and Clinton Wood Workers.

He was born Jan. 28, 1919, in DeKalb County to the late Gilbert Oscar and Zora Jane (Wing) Bonecutter.

He married his wife, Dorothy, on Jan. 6, 1943, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ike of Celina, Tenn., and Jerry of Cincinnati, Ohio; one daughter, Donna Kennedy of West Chester, Ohio; one brother, Eugene Bonecutter of Florida; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His funeral service took place April 20 in Fisher-Edgington Funeral Home, Wilmington, with Arthur Merkle officiating. Burial followed in Martinsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery, with military honors presented by the Wilmington American Legion Post 49 Memorial Squad.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

James Butler

FORT WAYNE — James B. Butler, 85, was found dead Tuesday in his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Butler was retired after working as a steamfitter and boilermaker for Shambaugh & Son Inc. He was a member of the Steamfitters Union in Fort Wayne and Veterans of Foreign Wars-Kekionga Post 1421 in Fort Wayne.He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born March 3, 1914, in Spencerville to the late Merrett and Anise Dale (Warcup) Butler. His wife, Catherine, preceded him in death in 1985.

Surviving him are five nephews, Kern Butler and Dale Butler, both of Auburn, Frank Butler and John Butler, both of Harlan, and Don Butler of Fort Myers, Fla.; and two nieces, Sandra Puckett of Anchorage, Alaska, and Connie Planks of Fort Wayne.

Three brothers, Auber, Ivan and Charles, preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Mark Hambrock will officiate. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana Inc., 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis IN 46240.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ned E. Slater**, 68, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Therese Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with a wake at 7:30 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Esther Fitch

AUBURN — Esther Fitch, 99, died Thursday at 11:55 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett.

Mrs. Fitch was born April 28, 1900, in Spencerville to the late John R. and Vienna (Shilling) Doll.

She married Otis B. Fitch on Dec. 30, 1926, in Spencerville. He died in 1976.

Surviving her are one son, Warren of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Maxine Ober of Temple Terrace, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, one stepgranddaughter, 23 great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Elsie Jones in 1995, one brother, George Doll, and one sister, Josephine Clark.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Furlough officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Kathryn James

ANDERSON — Kathryn L. James, 80, of Anderson, died Thursday at St. John's Continuing Care Unit following an extended illness. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William D. and Cheryl James of Auburn, and Arthur S. Mullins Jr. and Phyllis; two daughters, Mary L. McCreary and her husband, Carroll, and Karen A. Huff; eight grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will be conducted Monday in Nelson Cemetery with the Rev. Andy Odle officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Southdale Towers in Anderson.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service.

Robert Weber

TOLEDO, Ohio — Robert H. Weber, 78, of Punta Gorda, Fla., formerly of Fremont, died Wednesday at Toledo Hospital.

Mr. Weber was a 1981 retiree of Holloway Construction. He began wintering in Florida in 1966.

He was born June 29, 1920, in Steuben County to the late Floyd and Hazel (Doster) Weber.

Surviving are two daughters, Anita Feller of Fremont and Cindy McComb (and husband Andy) of Toledo, Ohio; one son, Steve Weber (and wife Sharman) of Angola; a sister, Margaret Bechtolt of Punta Gorda, Fla.; a brother, Jack Weber of Punta Gorda, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling.

A graveside service is planned for a later date. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Patricia Black

TIPTON — Patricia L. Black, 49, died Thursday at 3:15 p.m. in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was a plant secretary for Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Tipton.

Mrs. Black was born April 28, 1950, in Kokomo to Lewis Wayne and Rebecca (Worthington) Graham. Her mother survives in Tipton and her father is deceased.

She married Bill Black on Dec. 21, 1985, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Michelle Milam of Arcadia; one son, Derek Dunn of Noblesville; one brother, Mike Graham of Merrillville; two sisters, Vicky Strong of Tipton and Debby Workman of Auburn; and one granddaughter.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in Young-Nichols Funeral Home, Tipton.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. George Sullivan-Davis officiating. Burial will take place in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the National Kidney Foundation.

Michael Hanchar

FREMONT — Michael P. Hanchar Sr., 81, of Snow Lake, died Wednesday at his home.

Mr. Hanchar owned RV Storage of Angola and was a founder of Lake George Marina. He also was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church.

He was born Nov. 5, 1917, in Akron, Ohio, to the late Alex and Mary (Proposkie) Hanchar.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette Hanchar; three sons, Michael P. Jr. of Fort Wayne, Randy of Angola and Phillip of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Patricia Foster of Fremont; one brother, Anthony of Fremont; one sister, Millie Yager of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1974; and two brothers, Johnny and Joseph.

There will be no calling. A memorial mass will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Anthony Catholic Church of Angola, with the Rev. Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Irene Gregory**, 87, died at 5:10 p.m. Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Arlene J. Eber** died Tuesday. Private graveside services were held Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Hilda Cherry

AUBURN — Hilda Catherine Cherry, 79, died about 3 a.m. today in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Cherry lived most of her life in Boston before moving here 18 years ago. With her late first husband, she owned and operated the Western Auto Store in Hyde Park, Boston, Mass. She also worked for the South Shore National Bank in Boston and the Register of Motor Vehicles for the State of Massachusetts.

She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary, Waterloo, the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born Nov. 8, 1919, in Wellsberg, Vt., to Timothy and Anna (McDonald) DeBlois.

On Jan. 23, 1945, she married Ray A. Falwell, who preceded her in death Feb. 13, 1977.

In Garrett on April 25, 1981, she married Richard Cherry, who survives.

She also is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, George and Faya Falwell of Syracuse, N.Y.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Fred Baumgarten of Cape Canaveral, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Sonia Lyon of Auburn; five grandchildren, Michael Crompton, Tamara Taylor, Dr. Julie Widner M.D., Amy Gitmark, and Lisa Weaver; one stepgrandson, Jeff Lyon; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Eric and Vernon DeBlois.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Betty Zmyslony

GARRETT — Betty B. Zmyslony, 77, died Saturday at 9:23 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Zmyslony lived in Garrett all her life. She worked in assembly at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1983. She was a member of the Garrett Elks Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born March 29, 1922, in Garrett to the late Edward D. and Isabelle (Slifer) Rahrig.

She married Robert J. Zmyslony on June 14, 1947, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert J. Zmyslony II of Garrett; one grandson, Dominick Zmyslony of Garrett; and one granddaughter, Nicole Zmyslony of Garrett.

One son, Mark Zmyslony, preceded her in death.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Combs

HOWE — Carol J. Combs, 45, of rural Howe, died Friday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 30, 1953, in Garrett to Dale and Grace (DePew) Schworm. Her mother survives in LaGrange. On Nov. 18, 1972, in LaGrange, she married Rex Combs. He also survives.

Mrs. Combs, a homemaker, was a member of Brighton Chapel Church and Brighton Extension Homemakers' Club.

Surviving with her husband and mother are three sons, Shawn Combs, Wesley Combs and Jeffrey Combs, all of Howe; a grandson, Westen Combs of Howe; and five half-sisters, Marilyn Ely of Phoenix, Ariz., Harriett McKerlie of Georgia, Beverly Grobis of LaGrange, Marilyn Morr of Auburn and Wilma Summey of Sturgis, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brighton Chapel Church, Howe, with the Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Irene Kline

ROME CITY — Irene F. Kline, 77, of Rome City, died Sunday in the home of her son in New Haven

A Fort Wayne native, Mrs. Kline was a homemaker and had worked for Wayne Home Equipment.

Surviving are her husband, Louise E. Kline; a daughter, Barbara I. Pelz of Hamilton; three sons, Robert H. Kline and Steven E. Kline, both of New Haven, and Howard J. Kline of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Sipe of Tovares, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gerald L. "Jerry" Kline, in 1962.

Prayer services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Louis Catholic Church, 15535 Lincoln Highway East. Burial will be in St. Louis Catholic Church Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the rosary recited at 8:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Evening Star, Mon. May 3, 1999 (cont'd)

Camryn Freed

COLUMBIA CITY — Camryn Marie Freed, 6 months, died Friday at 5:40 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 16, 1998, in Whitley Memorial Hospital to Jarrod and Candy (Branning) Freed. They survive.

Also surviving are one brother, Cory Mishler, at home; one sister, CariAnn Freed, at home; her grandparents, Chad and Cindy McClure of Columbia City, and Calvin and Sandy Stevens of Garrett; her great-grandparents, Grace Branning of Larwill, Fay Hill of Columbia City, Hugh Chittenden of Garrett, and Bobbie and Ann Stephens of Elmira; and a great-great-grandmother, Eldee Gaff of Columbia City.

One brother, Christopher Andrew, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service was held today at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Nikki Marker of West Point United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Eberhard Cemetery, Columbia Township.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Children's Hospital Social Work.

Walter Fisher

FREMONT — Walter John Fisher, 90, of Fremont, died Sunday at 6:25 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Fisher worked for International Harvester. He was a member of the Angola Elks lodge and the Fremont United Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 30, 1908, in Butler to the late Andrew and Sarah (Aldrich) Fisher.

His wife, Lucille Fisher, survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Allen Joseph Fisher of Englewood, Fla.; a brother, Argus Fisher of Butler; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Anne Byer.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Alta Raber**, 74, died Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Jerry Schwartz residence, 5770W — 200N, Shipshewana, with calling there after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday.

The Evening Star, Tues., May 4, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Juanita McClellan

AUBURN — Juanita G. (McInturf) McClellan, 86, died Monday at Betz Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker and was employed with Rieke Corp. for eight years and Ball Brass for 14 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God, Heimach Center, Moose Lodge, IBM Senior Citizens of Butler, and the Auburn Fire Department Auxiliary.

Mrs. McClellan was born July 11, 1912, in Whitley County.

She married Harry H. McClellan on April 22, 1929, in Auburn, and he died March 13, 1969.

Surviving her are a daughter, Clara M. Wilkins of Monroe, Mich., a son, Alpheus McClellan of LaGrange; three sisters, Irene Peters, Marie Blevins and Marjorie Miller, all of Auburn; one brother, Robert McInturf of Fresno, Calif.; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert; and a brother, Homer McInturf.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cancer Services of DeKalb County.

Evening Star, Tues., May 4, 1999 (cont'd)

Betty Shank

ORLAND — Betty J. Shank, 68, of Orland, died unexpectedly Saturday while preparing to leave her home for a mother-daughter banquet.

Mrs. Shank was a registered nurse for 42 years and retired four years ago from Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

She was a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church, the Jolly 13 Euchre Club, the American Legion Auxiliary and the P.W.P. She also was involved in the American Red Cross and enjoyed her grandchildren as well as gardening, fishing and traveling.

She was born March 21, 1931, in Branch County, Mich., to the late Glenn and Belle (Smith) Graham.

Surviving are three daughters, Terry Sutton (and husband, Greg) of Pleasant Lake, Patricia Lorntz (and husband, Mark) of Orland, and Vicki Shank (and fiance, Rodney Matthews) of LaGrange; four grandchildren, Todd, Jamie, Kristen and Lance; a sister, Alice Shultz of Angola; a brother, Alvard Graham of Angola; and a brother-in-law, Richard Divine of Ray.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kaye Ellen, and a sister, Leona Divine.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Steve Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to her church's building fund or to the Orland Fire Department.

Daniel Weaver

SHIPSHEWANA — Daniel L. Weaver, 77, of rural Shipshewana, died at 4:15 a.m. Monday in Carriage Manor, Goshen, where he had lived since Aug. 11, 1998.

He was born Aug. 3, 1921, in LaGrange County to Levi and Lizzie Ann (Mast) Weaver. On Jan. 1, 1942, in Honeyville, he married Edna Mae Bontrager. She preceded him in death June 19, 1986.

Mr. Weaver, a lifetime LaGrange County resident, owned and operated Weaver's Machine Shop in Honeyville for 35 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Clem (Mary) Miller of Middlebury; five sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Lou Weaver of Goshen, Levi and Cheryl Weaver, Daniel Weaver Jr., and John Weaver, all of Elkhart, and Ervin Weaver of Auburn; two sisters, Mrs. William (Mary) Schrock of Middlebury and Mrs. Ivan (Susie) Kuhns of Nappanee; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lydia Graber; and a brother, John Weaver.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the home of LaVern Bontrager, 1025N — 850W, Shipshewana, with Amish Bishop Homer Bontrager, the Rev. Harry Stutzman Jr. and Brad Price officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery, Honeyville.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-8 p.m. Thursday in the home of LaVern Bontrager.

Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Hazel Smith Newton**, 57, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

KIMMELL — **Lillie Mardella Kiester**, 72, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

The Evening Star, Wed., May 8, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Lowell Kelley

AUBURN — Lowell J. Kelley, 77, died Monday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Kelley had been employed as a tool-and-die maker with Fulton Tubing, retiring in 1987. He then worked for Regent Manufacturing, retiring from there in 1997. He was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church, Auburn. He lived in Bryan, Ohio, before moving to Auburn.

He was born July 20, 1921, in Ney, Ohio, to the late Audrey (Harmon) and Donald Kelley.

He married Doris E. Hane on April 19, 1941, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Douglas Kelley of Auburn; a brother, Don Kelley of Redding, Calif.; a stepsister, Gladys Wise of Wauseon, Ohio; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert, and a daughter, Beverly, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 1-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Rice Funeral Home-Bryan.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. Darwin Dunten of the Hopewell United Brethren Church will officiate. Burial will take place in Brown Cemetery, Bryan.

Betty Miller

SPENCERVILLE — Betty Miller, 66, died this morning at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 2, 1933, in Allen County. Her father, Wayne L. Akey, survives in Fort Wayne and her mother, Elizabeth (Moore) Akey Stemen, is deceased.

She married Ron Miller on Oct. 29, 1949, in Spencerville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ron L. Miller Jr. of Garrett; four daughters, Sandra J. Williamson of Antwerp, Ohio, Christine J. Miller and Delores L. Spencer, both of Auburn, and Kathlyne A. Hernandez of Jupiter, Fla.; six brothers, Wayne L. Akey Jr. of Charleston, W.Va., Michael Stemen of Elida, Ohio, Mark Akey, Bart Akey and Scott Akey, all of Fort Wayne, and Frank Akey of West Lafayette; two sisters, Patricia A. Paschen of Portage and Mary Ann Smith of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Mark Hambrock officiating. Burial will take place in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to the Spencerville Fire Department.

Helen Dicke

FORT WAYNE — Helen M. (Vodde) Dicke, 86, died Monday at home.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was an inspector with Coverall Rental, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Surviving her are a son, Ronald W. of Auburn; a daughter, Carolyn A. Dove of Kendallville; a sister, Dorothy Littlefield of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Hilda Bennett of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. A vigil service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place Friday at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1120 S. Calhoun St., with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

The Evening Star, Thurs., May 6, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Gula Prough

COLDWATER, Mich. — Gula M. Prough, 82, died Tuesday at Community Health Care Center of Branch County, following a short illness.

She had worked at the former Douglas Manufacturing Co. in Bronson, and then worked for several years at the former Bronson Reel Factory. She was a member of the Noble Home Extension Club, and enjoyed crocheting, cooking, flowers and travel. She and her husband spent winters in Texas for over 10 years. She was a lifelong Branch County resident.

Mrs. Prough was born June 23, 1916, in Bronson, Mich., to the late William and Hazel (DePue) Good.

She married Lloyd R. Prough on Aug. 21, 1937, in Bronson, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kenneth of Bronson; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Duane Rozell of Angola; a niece that she raised, Linda Blatchley of Hillsdale, Mich.; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, a stepgranddaughter and a stepgreat-grandson.

A brother, David Good, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Burial will follow in Fry Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Home Health Care.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gaylord B. "Red" Cochran**, 47, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Albert A. Gaspar**, 73, died at 9:05 a.m. Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Sunday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and from noon until services on Monday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Grace Forney

HAMILTON — Grace Beatrice Forney, 93, died Saturday at 8:36 a.m. in Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Forney was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church. She lived in Hamilton.

She was born March 17, 1906, in Kendallville to the late Harry and Georgia (Smith) Knott.

She married John P. Forney on June 29, 1923, and he died April 15, 1985.

Surviving her are one son, Jon P. of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Paula Katt Dickmeyer of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Bob Knott of Auburn and Jim Knott of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Barbara Francies

FORT WAYNE — Barbara Ann Chivington Francies, 37, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday in Parkview Hospital.

She was born in Fort Wayne and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, David; a son, Jasper; and three daughters, Holly, Heather and Heidi Chivington, all of Cromwell; her parents, James and Beulah Francies of Cromwell; a brother, Richard Francies of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Diana Tennant of Fort Wayne, and Donna Murphy of Garrett.

Funeral services were held today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to the children of Mrs. Francies.

Lula Belle Prater

KENDALLVILLE — Lula Belle Prater, 86 of Kendallville, died at 12:50 p.m. Sunday in the home of a daughter, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Louisa, Ky., Nov. 6, 1912, to Clayton and Cora (Fraley) Thompson. On May 22, 1930, in Prestonburg, Ky., she married Jobie Prater, who preceded her in death June 4, 1985.

Mrs. Prater, a homemaker, moved from Martin, Ky., to Kendallville in 1962.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Aaron (Barb) Sexton, Mrs. Dale (Joyce) Reade, and Mrs. Mark (Diana) Reid, all of Kendallville, Mrs. Hank (Brenda) Ochoa of Butler, Mrs. Dan (Janice) Simmons of Wolcottville, and Mrs. Jack (Billie Ann) Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; 10 sons, Gene Prater of Douglasville, Ga., Don Prater of Allen, Ky., Dockie Prater of Kentucky, Sonny Prater, address unknown, and Joseph Prater, Ted Prater and Richard Prater, all of Kendallville, David Prater of Rome City, Ron Prater of Corunna, and Mike Prater of Garrett; three sisters, Myrle Daniels and Lena Robinette, both of Ohio, and Corrine Childers of Kentucky; a brother, Junior Thompson of Kentucky; 34 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum of Kendallville Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Lisbon Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Ernest Williams

ANGOLA — Ernest E. Williams, 52, of Angola, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams lived in Steuben County for eight years after moving from Charleston, Ill. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked as product engineer in the air conditioning division of Dometic Corp. in LaGrange. He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

He was born Jan. 31, 1947, in Greenville, N.C., to the late James and Mable (Brown) Williams.

On March 7, 1992, in Angola, he married Betty M. (Colclasure) Williams, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Ernest Eugene Williams Jr. of Germany; a stepson, William Spitzner Jr. of Flora, Ill.; a daughter, Lisa Williams of North Carolina; five brothers, Jimmy Williams of Farmville, N.C., Curtis Williams of Winterville, N.C., Alton House of East Orange, N.J., William House of Newark, N.J., and Richard Williams of Black Jack, N.C.; 12 sisters, Barbara Williams, Mable Cox of Philadelphia, Edna Stewart of Raleigh, N.C., Joyce Edwards of Suitland, Md., JoAnn Williams, Nancy Biggs, Lena Williams, Annie Tucker of Greenville, N.C., Betty Morris of Orlando, Fla., Mary Smith of Irvington, N.J., Evelyn Bricker of Elizabeth City, N.C. and Reatha Roach of Black Jack, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. David Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

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Glenn Shaw

ANGOLA — Glenn R. Shaw, 65, a resident of Fremont and Angola most of his life, died Saturday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Shaw had been a farmer most of his life.

He was born Feb. 18, 1934, in Ege in Noble County to John and Josephine (Yazell) Shaw, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Shaw of Fremont and Deanna Jackson of Ashley; two sons, Terry (and wife, Vicky) Shaw, and John M. Shaw, of Fremont; five stepsons, Danny, Steve, James, Todd and John L. Shaw; three sisters, Elinore Hackensack of Spokane, Wash, Phyllis Gamber of Defiance, Ohio, and Jean Wall of Angola; six grandchildren and 15 stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Diana, seven brothers and three sisters.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Cremation will follow, and interment will be in the West Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Don Treesh

GARRETT — Don E. Treesh, 69, died Saturday at 2:40 a.m. at his Garrett home.

Mr. Treesh had lived in Garrett for 69 years. He worked as a service manager at International Harvester Sales and Service in Fort Wayne for 29 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War. He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist church in rural Auburn.

He was born June 19, 1929, in Corunna to Dale D. and Wilma (Grate) Treesh, who survive.

In Garrett on March 18, 1952, he married Joan V. Fechner, who also survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Rebecca Bloom of Auburn and Roxanne Walter (and her husband, Steven) of Garrett; a brother, Allan Treesh of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Roine Danclovic of Albuquerque, N.M., and Darleen Dalby of Arlington, Texas; and five grandsons, Michael, Matthew and Toby Walter, all of Garrett, and Kristopher and Patrick Bloom, both of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Michael David and Patrick Anthony Treesh.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Steven Haiflich officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Richard E. Munger**, 57, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there 3-7 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Blanche L. Smith**, 92, died at 5:05 a.m. Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jeneva L. Marker**. 83, died at 6:20 p.m. Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

CROMWELL — **Barbara Ann Chivington Francies**, 37, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

SYRACUSE — **Charles Michael Edgar**, 45, died Sunday. Services at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Oakridge Cemetery, Goshen. Calling 1-3 p.m. Tuesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marshall E. Brock**, 81, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Helen Marie Van Hart**, 95, died Saturday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

LIGONIER — **Ruth R. Stultz**, 95, died Saturday. Graveside services at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling is from 10 a.m. until services at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Area Deaths/Funerals

KENDALLVILLE — **Effie L. Spitzmesser**, 95, of Kendallville, died Friday. Calling after 9 a.m. Monday in the Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Services at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Willard C. Gerber**, 80, of Shipshewana, died Friday. Calling Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Emma Mennonitie Church in Emma. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in the church. Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Kurt Rastenburg

AUBURN — Kurt Rastenburg, 88, died this morning in his Auburn home.

He retired June 1, 1971, from Warner Gear in Auburn, where he worked for 30 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Rastenburg was born April 13, 1911, in Rock Island, Texas, to the late Rudolph and Minnie (Brookman) Rastenburg.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Frank, Rudy and Lewis; and three sisters, Lida Vachon, Freda Rastenburg and Clara Rodebaugh.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a graveside military service conducted by Auburn American Legion Post 97.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Betty Brown

FREMONT — Betty Boldt Brown, 84, of Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

Mrs. Brown was retired from the office of General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne and was a member of the Elex Club. She belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 26, 1914, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a niece, Sue (and husband, Philip) Tripi of Sidney, Ohio; cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Epple of Fort Wayne; a great-nephew, Joseph Brown of Sidney; as well as other nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, Roscoe, in 1994.

Friends may call Wednesday from 11 a.m. until the service begins at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate, and burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Vertie Conway

PLEASANT LAKE — Vertie May Conway, 66, of Pleasant Lake, died Monday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Conway had worked as a restaurant cook.

She was born June 7, 1932, in Mamouth, W.Va., to Fred and Pansy Marie (Castle) Lester. Her father preceded her in death in 1971.

Surviving are her mother, Pansy Marie Jones, of Angola; a daughter, Anita Chase of Warren, Mich.; two sons, Greg Conway of Michigan and Robert Conway of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Diane Wood of Hillsdale, Mich.; a sister, Mildred Nyberg; and nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gerry Allen Conway in 1971, and her husband, Earl Tilman, in 1971.

Friends may call Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Services will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Eileen Whitlock

ANGOLA — Eileen Whitlock, 73, of Angola, died March 19 in Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Whitlock moved to Angola from Chicago in 1946, and belonged to the Angola Christian Church and the Angola American Legion Auxiliary. She was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 18, 1925, in Hood River, Ore., to the late John and Mareeta (Patrick) Barnes. On Jan. 19, 1946, she married Morris Whitlock, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, John Laurel Whitlock of Salinas, Calif.; four daughters, Nancy Sue Parent of Elgin, Ill., Pamela Anne Ford of Layton, Utah, Ginny Lou Dominquez of Ogden, Utah, and Carrie Jo Dick of Fruit Heights, Utah; a sister, Mareeta Clements of Breckenridge, Texas; 16 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Angola Christian Church, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Memorial gifts may be given to The Gideons International.

Arrangements were made by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Bischoff

AUBURN —Charles A. Bischoff, 64, died Tuesday at 10 p.m. in his Auburn home.

He was a self-employed furniture refinisher and a member of the Auburn Kiwanis Club.

He was born Nov. 28, 1934 in Fort Wayne.

He married Grace Bloxsom on March 17, 1980, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Michael Graves of Warren; one stepdaughter, Diane Schiltz of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Barbara Fincher of Tallahassee, Fla.; four stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 4 p.m. Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Michelle Koorsen

FORT WAYNE — Michelle E. Koorsen, 43, died Sunday in Coldwater, Ohio.

Born in Fort Hood, Texas, she was owner and operator of Koorsen Decorating.

Surviving are her parents, Eugene and Shirley Koorsen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sons, Jeremiah and Benjamin, both of Kendallville; and a sister, Paul Lyon of Auburn.

Memorial services at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to donor's choice.

Ethel Hawk

ALBION — Ethel M. Hawk, 74, of Albion, died at 10:40 p.m. Monday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born March 27, 1925, in Noble County to Coe W. and Zelda (Cogan) Poage. On July 21, 1945, in St. Mark's Lutheran parsonage in Albion, she married Otis Calvin Hawk. He survives.

Mrs. Hawk, a lifetime Albion area resident, was a homemaker and custodian of Asbury United Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana Lynn and Les Coe of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Darl and Donna Hawk of Burr Oak; a brother, Donald Poage of Auburn; four grandchildren, Tony, Brian, Kerry and Ashlee; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Poage.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Randy Miller officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Susan Wilcox

KENDALLVILLE — Susan E. Wilcox, 87, died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was born in DeKalb County May 29, 1911, to Ezra and Iva (Ives) Lung. On Nov. 29, 1933, in Auburn, she married John Millhouse. He preceded her in death Jan. 30, 1954. On April 4, 1965, she married Fred Wilcox. He preceded her in death July 28, 1984.

Mrs. Wilcox, a homemaker, was a member of Angola Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Fertig of Wheatland, Wyo., and Martha Alwood of Ashley; three sons, Robert Millhouse of Albion, Walter Millhouse of Hamilton, and James Millhouse of Wheatland; 18 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Millhouse, a granddaughter, Debra Lynn Millhouse, and a brother, Clarence Lung.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to the Angola Church of the Nazarene.

Evening Star, Wed., May 12, 1999 (cont'd)

Kenneth Penner

COLDWATER, Mich. — Kenneth V. Penner, 73, died Monday at Community Health Center of Branch County.

He graduated from Fremont High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy medical corps and was attached to the 2nd Marine Corps Division in World War II. He worked at Federal-Mogul from October 1946 until 1975, when the company moved from Coldwater. He worked at Coldwater Regional Center until his retirement in February 1989.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, the State Retired Employees Association, Chapter S.E.R.A. No. 7 and American Legion Post 52. He was a life member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge 1023 and a was a former member of Tyre Masonic Lodge, F.& A.M., Coldwater.

Mr. Penner was born Aug. 15, 1925, in Fremont to the late Harry and Gaynell (Frederick) Penner.

He married Iva Mae Conkey on Sept. 5, 1944, in St. Charles, Mo., and she survives.

Also surviving him are a brother, Fred of Sturgis, Mich.; two nieces, Julie Baker of Fort Wayne and Jenny Bartlett of Angola; a nephew, Larry Hall of Parker City; four great-nieces, Rebaaca and Elizabeth Baker, Carie Creager and Jessica Bartlett; a great-nephew, Jacob Baker; a great-great-nephew, Brook Creager.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve (Penner) Hall and a brother, Harold Penner.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, with calling after noon (Indiana time). Dr. James Troust will officiate, with burial to follow in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Presbyterian Church or the Branch County Humane Society.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Max J. Kiester**, 83, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 7-9 p.m. Thursday and 2-8 p.m. Friday.

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Ronald Siples

GARRETT — Ronald L. Siples, 67, died Wednesday at 10:26 p.m. in his Garrett home.

He and his wife, Marlene, were the previous owners of the Auburn Dairy Freeze. They also had owned and operated the Backway Inn in Garrett. He was a commercial plasterer for 35 years.

Mr. Siples was born Oct. 9, 1931, in Fort Wayne to the late Ralph and Theresa (Songer) Siples.

He married Marlene Kaliker on June 25, 1951, in Lake Worth, Fla., and she survives.

Also surviving him are six children, Randy Siples of Yoder, Jeff Siples of Fort Wayne, Kieth Siples of Avilla, Theresa Bolen of Wolcottville, Beth Bohn of Bountiful, Utah, and Greg Siples of Running Springs, Calif.; four sisters, Patricia Bender of West Palm Beach, Fla., Lorraine Jefferson of Fort Wayne, Barbara Hillier of Fort Wayne and Mary Smith of Las Vegas, Nev.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with Father Tom Lombardi officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Shane Martin

COLUMBIA CITY — A memorial service for infant Shane Matthew Martin will take place Friday at 4 p.m. in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Surviving him are his parents, Shane M. and Victoria (Burks) Martin of Columbia City; a sister, Lydia Martin of Columbia City; a grandfather, Thomas Martin; an uncle, Thomas Martin Jr.; and an aunt, Beulah Martin, all of Fort Wayne.

Four brothers and a grandmother, Lydia Martin, preceded him in death.

Grace Ervin

FORT WAYNE — Grace Marie Ervin, 85, died Tuesday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Middletown, Ky., and was a cook at Laycoff's for 18 years, retiring in 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna K. Johnson of Fort Wayne, and Judith A. Wilcox of Lake Gage, Angola; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today in Fort Wayne with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Evening Star, Thurs., May 13, 1999 (cont'd)

Nancy Barnett

FORT WAYNE — Nancy I. Barnett, 59, died Wednesday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Antwerp, Ohio, she retired in 1987 after working 11 years as an assembler at Magnavox Corp.

Surviving are her husband, Roger R.; three daughters, Vicki L. Knipstein of Auburn, and Cindi L. Holly and Lori S. Stiewig, both of Fort Wayne; three sons, James T. Curtis of Kearneysville, W.Va., Gary G. Curtis of Fort Wayne, and Scott L. Barnett of Fort Wayne; her mother, Betty L. Foltz of Avilla; a sister, Sandra S. Fowler of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Robert W. Keirns Jr. of Fort Wayne, Gregory Foltz of Garrett and Jeffery Foltz of Avilla; and nine grandchildren.

A son preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8326 Covington Road.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Bernard Bassett

HUDSON — Bernard LaVon Bassett, 76, died Tuesday afternoon in the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bassett was the owner of the Plato Grocery Store and was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born June 15, 1923, in South Milford to the late George and Sylvia Mae (Eshelman) Bassett.

He married Marian Adell (Long) Bassett in June 1945. She preceded him in death Feb. 1, 1994.

Surviving him are one son, Ray L. of Kendallville; one daughter, Melodee Kalinke of Valparaiso; one sister, Garnet Crist of Warsaw; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Ancel, Roscoe, Donal, Harvey, Russell, Dale and Arthur; and two sisters, Pearl and Opal.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in Woodruff Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Elmo McKenzie**, 69, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Billy G. Pieratt**, 60, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Paul Collins

FREMONT — Paul E. Collins, 84, of Jimmerson Lake, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Collins served with the Army Air Corps in World War II and was a member of the Orland post of the American Legion and the Angola post of Vetrans of Foreign Wars. He was a life member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and was retired from Steuben County Farm Bureau Co-op as an oil and gas delivery truck driver.

He was born in Fremont to the late Lynn and Mary Collins on March 14, 1915.

On Sept. 28, 1946, he married the former Dorothy L. Clancy. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lorraine Throop of Fort Wayne and Claudia Smith (and husband, David) of Fremont; two sons, Neil (and wife, Debbie) of Florence, S.C., and Charles (and wife, Jill) of Angola; three sisters, Dorothy Miller of Angola, Pauline Rhine of Fremont, and June Collins of Fremont; a brother Morris (and wife, Edwina); 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the church. The Rev. Carl Lott will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Hallie McCoy**, 93, died Wednesday in Duarte, Calif. Service at 11 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Annette Walsh**, 59, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Gospel Lighthouse Church, Kendallville. Burial will be in Brushy Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange County.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruth Alice Grabach**, 87, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **Rosemary LeCount**, 65, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Garrett

Ronald L. Siples, 67, of Garrett, previous owner of Auburn Dairy Freeze, died Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at home.

The Fort Wayne native had also owned/operated Backway Inn in Garrett and was a commercial plasterer for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene; sons Randy of Yoder, Jeff of Fort Wayne, Kieth of Avilla and Greg of Running Springs, Calif.; daughters Theresa Bolen of Wolcottville and Beth Bohn of Bountiful, Utah; sisters Patricia Bender of West Palm Beach, Fla., Lorraine Jefferson and Barbara Hillier, both of Fort Wayne, and Mary Smith of Las Vegas; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today with a 4 p.m. rosary service. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Helen Ternet

AVILLA — Helen I. Ternet, 77, died Friday at 2:52 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there since Saturday, and had been in declining health for some time.

Mrs. Ternet was a homemaker and a 1941 graduate of Leo High School. She spent most of her formative years in Allen County, and lived most of her adult life in Avilla. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege and its rosary society, and the Avilla American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born April 29, 1922, in Fort Wayne to the late Frank and Martha (Kniffen) Lewis.

She married Clifford O. Ternet on Aug. 8, 1942, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathryn Strowmatt (and her husband, Jerry) and Carol S. Ternet, all of Avilla; five sons and daughters-in-law, Jack C. and Sandra, and Billy A. and Loretta, all of LaOtto, Neal F. and Garree of Tri-Lakes, Ned O. and Rita of Garrett, and Ted O. and Camille of South Whitley; two sisters, Martha Heath of Fort Wayne and Dorothy Brooks of Palatine, Ill.; two brothers, Clayton Lewis of Rome City and Donald Lewis of Phoenix; 28 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

A granddaughter, two brothers, and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. The rosary will be recited Sunday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses.

Betty Zmyslony

GARRETT — A funeral service for Betty B. Zmyslony will take place Wednesday at 9 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

There will be no visitation. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge or arrangments.

Mrs. Zmyslony, 77, died Saturday, May 1, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a lifelong resident of Garrett. She worked in assembly at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1983. She was a member of the Garrett Elks and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born March 29, 1922, in Garrett to the late Edward D. and Isabelle (Slifer) Rahrig.

She married Robert J. Zmyslony on June 14, 1947, in Garrett. He survives in Garrett.

Mrs. Zmyslony also is survived by a son, Robert J. Zmyslony II of Garrett; a grandson, Dominick Zmyslony of Garrett; and a granddaughter, Nicole Zmyslony of Garrett.

Donald Herl

ORLAND — Donald D. Herl, 90, of Orland, died Thursday at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Herl was a retired farmer and had worked as a milk tester and a Farm Mutual Insurance agent in Steuben County.

He was a longtime member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, serving as church treasurer for 40 years. He also served on the board for the Steuben County Farm Bureau.

He was born Aug. 23, 1908, in Convoy, Ohio, to the late Samuel and Laura Pearl (Sheets) Herl. On May 12, 1934, he married Elizabeth Wisner, with whom he recently celebrated his 65th wedding anniversary. His wife survives at home.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Herl of Angola; a daughter, Roberta Hossler of Cadiz, Ohio; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont and from 10-11 a.m. Monday in Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in the church, with the Rev. Carl Lott officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorial gifts may be given to the church.

Dale Thomas

ASHLEY — John Dale Thomas, 79, of rural Ashley, died at 5:30 p.m. in the emergency room of DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. He became ill at home.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — **Retha R. Neterer**, 84, of Wawaka, died Thursday in Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich. Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. A funeral service will be conducted in the funeral home Monday at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Brian McConnell officiating.

Deaths/Funerals

J. Dale Thomas

ASHLEY — J. Dale Thomas, 79, of rural Ashley, died at 5:25 p.m. Friday in the emergency room of DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, after becoming ill at home.

He was born in Fairfield Center, DeKalb County, on Dec. 22, 1919, to Carl and Irma (Urey) Thomas. On June 15, 1941, in Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, he married Iris Skelly in the first wedding performed in the church. She survives.

Mr. Thomas was a 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School and received a degree in mechanical engineering in 1940 from Tri-State University in Angola. He was employed by Magnavox as chief tool engineer and estimator for 25 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Army-Air Force Band.

Thomas

He was a 15-year resident of Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Thomas served on the DeKalb Central United School Board from 1972-76 and the Indiana State School Board from 1974-76. He was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren and was a deacon of the church.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Al (Anna) Glick of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Bob (Carla) MacDonald of Huntington, and Karen Thomas of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Joanne Mollica of Fort Wayne; a brother, Paul Thomas Sr. of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Lee Stoy, John Stoy, Jessica MacDonald and Jennifer MacDonald; and two great-grandchildren, Stephanie Stoy and Lee Matthew Stoy Jr.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, rural Ashley, with the Rev. Israel Gordon officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 86, Kendallville.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Billy Knox

AUBURN — Billy G. Knox, 76, died Sunday at 6:40 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was a resident of Auburn and previously lived in rural Butler.

Mr. Knox was a farmer and factory worker at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn, retiring in 1979 after 18 years of service. He was an avid sports fan and played on the Butler Windmills 1942 basketball sectional championship team. He pitched a no-hitter in a baseball game against Angola in 1941. He was a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau and B.F. Goodrich's Retirees Club.

He was born Aug. 18, 1922, near Albion in Noble County to the late Hollis A. and Gail Marie (Hamilton) Knox.

He marrid Gailanna J. Zeisloft on June 19, 1943, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Noel H. (and wife, Maggie) of Fort Wayne and Neal E. (And wife, Beverly) of Angola; two brothers, Florin H. of Butler and Glen H. of Auburn; two sisters, Coralie Holman of St. Joe and Onalee I. Moughler of Waterloo; four grandsons, Thane, Ty and Trenton Knox, all of Angola, and Benjamin Knox of Fort Wayne; and one granddaughter, Taryn Knox of Angola.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Tim Seevers of Pleasant View Church of Christ and the Rev. Douglas E. Holley of Butler will officiate. Burial will take place in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton Booster Club, Jerusalem Community Church or Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Joseph Little

AUBURN — Joseph Little, 68, died Saturday at 8 p.m. in Cecil, Ohio.

He retired from the maintenance department at Bohn Aluminum of Butler in 1987 and lived on Ruth Street in Auburn. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a life member of Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6572.

Mr. Little was born Jan. 10, 1931, in Virgie, Ky. (Pike County), to the late James and Lizzie J. (Newsome) Little.

He married Ruth Joy Smith on Dec. 13, 1969, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Wendy Spryn of Cecil and Cathy Todd of Butler; three stepsons, Don DeLong, Jim DeLong and Sam DeLong, all of Butler; two brothers, John Little of Denton, Md., and Charlie Little of Preston, Md.; one sister, Delphia Newman of Virgie, Ky. and 10 grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Courtney officiating. Burial will follow in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or American Lung Association.

Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Smith

DES MOINES, Iowa — Mary Alice Cole Smith, 53, died Saturday at the Methodist Medical Hospital in West Des Moines, Iowa.

She was born in Angola and lived in West Des Moines for the past 23 years. She was a graduate of Angola High School and Indiana University and worked as a librarian in the West Des Moines Library.

She was the daughter of Virginia Cole and the late Hershel Cole. Her mother and her daughter, Katherine Cole Smith, survive.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Evening Star, Mon., May 17, 1999 (cont'd)

Dortha Berg

AUBURN — Dortha E. Berg, 81, died Sunday at 5:32 p.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had resided for two years.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn 67 years. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. She enjoyed cooking, and the music and dancing of the big band era.

Mrs. Berg was born April 29, 1918, in St. Joe to the late Merritt and Lena V. (Nelson) Maxwell.

She married Robert C. Berg on April 11, 1942, in Auburn. He died Feb. 5, 1981.

Surviving her are two sons, Steven M. of Fort Wayne and Douglas R. of Walkerton; one daughter, Becky S. Morr of Auburn; one brother, Robert K. Maxwell of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

One brother, Gordon W. Maxwell, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will begin Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Balzer officiating. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Heartfelt Support Group at Sacred Heart Home, or to Masses at the church.

Olive Kling

ANGOLA — Olive Bernyce Kling, 84, of Angola, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kling was a homemaker. She was born June 23, 1914, in Chickasha, Okla., to the late Samuel and Cordelia (Adams) Shadoan.

Surviving are four daughters, Marilyn Emerson of Indianapolis, Judith Kuntz of Laurel, Md., Peggy Sommers of Dexter, Mich., and JoEllen La Brosse of New Bern, N.C.; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Kling in 1983; two brothers, Estes and Cecil Shadoan; and two sisters, Ada Madison and Orpha Blevins.

Friends may Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Leah Johnson

GARRETT — Leah M. Johnson, 80, died Sunday at 6:11 p.m. in her home on County Road 60.

She was a secretary at North American Van Lines for 10 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of Calvary Temple Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was born April 17, 1919, in Churubusco to the late Arly and Eva (Bosler) Smith.

She married O. Lee Johnson on Dec. 18, 1938, in Churubusco, and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Ken (and wife, Darlene) of Redlands, Calif., Larry (and wife, Marge) of Angola, Fay (and wife, Chris) of Urbana, Ohio, and Rex of Hudson; one daughter, Kay (and husband, Bob) Bugert of LaOtto; one brother, Melvyn Smith of Garrett; one sister, Gladys Gift of Auburn; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Calvary Temple, with Bishop Paul E. Paino officiating. Burial will take place in Riverview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Athalea Tucker**, 79, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and at the church one hour before services.

HOWE — **Laura Broom**, 57, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

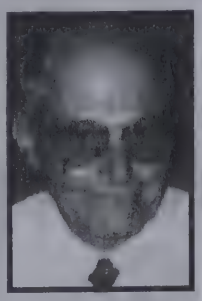
LAOTTO — **Betty A. Gaff**, 79, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Harry Andes Jr.

OSSIAN — Harry Andes Jr., 75, died Sunday at 7:45 p.m. in the Hospice Home of North East Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Andes resided in rural Ossian and was an educator, administrator, coach and guidance counselor for 45 years. He served as a teacher and coach in Latham, Ill., from 1948-1950; as a teacher, coach and principal at Ossian High School from 1950-1967; as a guidance counselor at DeKalb High School in Waterloo from 1967-68 and again from 1973-1986; as principal at Carroll High School in Fort Wayne from 1968-1973; and had been a technical preparation coordinator at Indiana Vocational Technical College in Fort Wayne since 1992.



Andes

He was a member of the Ossian United Methodist Church, a veteran of the naval branch of the armed services during World War II and an avid golfer.

He was born March 30, 1924, in Maroa, Ill., to Harry Andes Sr. and Gwendoline (Hedger) Andes. Both preceded him in death.

He married Bernice Lewis on Aug. 13, 1944, in Sibley, Ill., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael A. of Decatur, Roger L. of Los Angeles and Ronald L. of Santa Fe, N.M.; one daughter, Gwen A. Mills of Goshen; two sisters, Marjorie Swartz of Branson, Mo., and Beverly Baker of Richardson, Texas; four brothers, Ed of Eugene, Ore., Richard of Bloomington, Ill., Larry of McKinney, Texas and Donald of Phoenix, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Ossian United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Elzey & Haggard Funeral Home-Ossian Chapel and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Ossian United Methodist Church or Hospice Home of North East Indiana, 3015 S. Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne.

Lissie Smith

ORLAND — Lissie Smith, 96, of Orland, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Smith worked as a shipping clerk at Douglass Manufacturing Co. and retired in 1964.

She was born Aug. 20, 1902, in LaGrange County to the late Walter and Margaret (Funk) Fair.

Surviving are three daughters, Virginia Evans and Joan Penix, both of Orland; Margaret Truran of Madison Heights, Mich.; a son, Allison Stayner of Cleveland; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Basil Stayner in 1935, Leland Stayner in 1950, and Wardelle Stayner in 1956; and two husbands, Floyd O. Stayner in 1936, and Dewey Smith in 1975.

Friends may call Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Rodger Strong officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Orland Joyce Public Library or Jackson Prairie Cemetery Association of Orland.

Kate Thorndyke

EDON, Ohio — Kate L. Thorndyke, 20 months, died Sunday at 12:45 p.m. in a truck accident in Fremont.

She was born Aug. 24, 1997, in Angola. Her father, Michael Thorndyke, survives in Fremont and her mother, Tracy Wolfe Thorndyke, survives in Edon, Ohio.

Also surviving are a sister, Breanna Thorndyke, at home in Edon; her grandparents, Pamela Baker of Antwerp, Ohio, Ronald and Dara Wolfe of Angola, and Jim and Donna Thorndyke of Hamilton; and her great-grandparents, Dave and Ruth Murphy of Hicksville, Ohio, Joan Thorndyke of Olivet, Mich., and Warren and Dorothy Herrell of Grandview, Mo.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Scott Rashley officiating. Burial will take place in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Dorotha Berg

AUBURN — Dorotha E. Berg, 81, died Sunday at 5:32 p.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had resided for two years.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn 67 years. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. She enjoyed cooking, and the music and dancing of the big band era.

Mrs. Berg was born April 29, 1918, in St. Joe to the late Merritt and Lena V. (Nelson) Maxwell.

She married Robert C. Berg on April 11, 1942, in Auburn. He died Feb. 5, 1981.

Surviving her are two sons, Steven M. of Fort Wayne and Douglas R. of Walkerton; one daughter, Becky S. Morr of Auburn; one brother, Robert K. Maxwell of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

One brother, Gordon W. Maxwell, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will begin Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Balzer officiating. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Heartfelt Support Group at Sacred Heart Home, or to Masses at the church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Harold O. Potts**, 83, died Monday. Memorial services at a later date. No calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Arthur L. Henderson**, 79, died Sunday. Memorial services will be held Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Cecil Barhydt

AUBURN — Cecil F. "Pete" Barhydt, 78, died today at 3 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He lived on Superior Drive in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

James Freeze

GARRETT — James Allen Freeze, 59, died today at 6:40 a.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Freeze retired as a gear tester at Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, in 1997 after 30 years of service.

He was known as "The Rock Man" for his extensive collection of rocks, displayed on the grounds around his home on the northeast side of Garrett.

He was born Nov. 12, 1939, in Garrett, to John and Genieve (Reavis) Freeze. Both parents survive in Garrett.

On May 12, 1960, he married Diana Faith Wilcox in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bryan Freeze (and daughter-in-law Shawn) of LaGrange; one brother, John "Jack" Freeze of Garrett; two sisters, Linda L. Davis of Garrett and Debra Lynn Boyd of Auburn; two grandchildren, Lyle and Stephanie; and three stepgrandchildren, Adam, Araina and Gabriele Mishler.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. (prior to the funeral service) at Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn.

Services will be conducted in the church Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Philomene Feagler

SOUTH BEND — Philomene A. Feagler, 89, died Monday at Ironwood Health & Rehabilitation in South Bend.

She was a homemaker and was born in Auburn. She had worked at Auburn Automobile Co. She was a life member of Alpha Chi chapter of Tri Kappa Sorority, Greenhurst Country Club and Kenwigs Literary Club, and was involved in many community activities.

Surviving her are three sons, Eugene R. of South Bend, William L. of Auburn and Jon P. of Kokomo; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Feagler; and four brothers, Justin T. Roth, Gerald Roth, Gerard Roth and Barrand Roth.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A vigil service will take place Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will follow in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses or to the church.

Billy Knox

AUBURN — Billy G. Knox, 76, died Sunday at 6:40 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was a resident of Auburn and previously lived in rural Butler.

Mr. Knox was a farmer and factory worker at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn, retiring in 1979 after 18 years of service. He was an avid sports fan and played on the Butler Windmills 1942 basketball sectional championship team. He pitched a no-hitter in a baseball game against Angola in 1941. He was a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau and B.F. Goodrich's Retirees Club.

He was born Aug. 18, 1922, near Albion in Noble County to the late Hollis A. and Gail Marie (Hamilton) Knox.

He married Gailanna J. Zeisloft on June 19, 1943, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Noel H. (and wife, Maggie) of Fort Wayne and Neal E. (And wife, Beverly) of Angola; two brothers, Florin H. of Butler and Glen H. of Auburn; two sisters, Coralie Holman of St. Joe and Onalee I. Moughler of Waterloo; four grandsons, Thane, Ty and Trenton Knox, all of Angola, and Benjamin Knox of Fort Wayne; and one granddaughter, Taryn Knox of Angola.

A sister, Majel Moughler, preceded him in death.

His funeral service took p lace today at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Tim Seevers of Pleasant View Church of Christ and the Rev. Douglas E. Holley of Butler officiated. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton Booster Club, Jerusalem Community Church or Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Evening Star, Wed., May 19, 1999 (cont'd)

Fern Wright

AVILLA — Fern Valentine Wright, 90, died today at 4:05 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Feb. 14, 1909, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Francis E. and Anna Margaret (Miller) Truelove. She first married Alva Bainbridge, who preceded her in death. Her second husband, Hollis Wright, preceded her in death in November 1953.

Mrs. Wright, a resident of this area most of her life, had worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 18 years and for McCray Memorial Hospital for 11 years. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and Kendallville Women of the Moose.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Terry Russell, and Linda and Jim Tilghman, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Gail and Pam Bainbridge of Auburn; a sister, Ethel Blue of Birmingham, Ala; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Floyd, Everett and Bob Truelove; and a sister, Faye Stockburger.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel R. Barker officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. Clair Hall, Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Guy Black

AVILLA — Guy S. Black, 87, died Tuesday at 1:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Urias J. Schrock Sr.**, 78, died Sunday. Services were today in New Haven.

Deaths/Funerals

Cecil 'Pete' Barhydt

AUBURN — Cecil F. "Pete" Barhydt, 78, died Wednesday at 3 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was Auburn's police chief for eight years and a chief deputy sheriff for DeKalb County for five years.

Kruse

Mr. Barhydt was a meat cutter for most of his life, and cut steaks at Joshua's Restaurant until March. He retired in 1985 from Rieke Corp. after 11 years of service.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, where he was a former lay minister and Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 165. He guided eight boys in becoming Eagle Scouts. He was a former Auburn Little League coach and former DeMolay chapter dad. He was a member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614, F.& A.M. and the former Waterloo Masonic Lodge. He played Santa Claus in Auburn for many years.

Mr. Barhydt was born Nov. 19, 1920, in Goshen to the late George W. and Jennie M. (Getz) Barhydt.

He married Dorothy L. Shelton on Dec. 24, 1924. She died Jan. 4, 1988.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Barbara Barhydt of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Todd, Tyler and Cheryl Barhydt.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.,m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Bill Kaster and the Rev. Susan Poynter officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

Guy Black

AVILLA — Guy S. Black, 87, died Tuesday at 1:30 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Black was a millwright at International Harvester. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the American Legion.

He was born Dec. 16, 1911, in Green Township, Noble County, to the late Ira John and Bessie (Summers) Black.

He married Evelyn F. Leffel on April 12, 1941, in Jefferson County, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Janis Zumbrun of rural Albion; one son, John of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Andrea Zumbrun and Kelly Zumbrun, both of Fort Wayne, and Rebecca Zumbrun of rural Albion; and one grandson, Dennis Zumbrun of rural Albion.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dennis W. Black, two brothers and one sister.

A private graveside service will be held at Cedar Creek Cemetery, in rural Garrett, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Parkview Foundation.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Lorin Harrison

GARRETT — The Rev. Dr. Lorin E. Harrison, 85, died Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was a minister for 22 years and lived in Garrett for 17 years. He served as a pastor at Lily Lake in St. Charles, Mo., St. John's in Palantine, Ill., and First Congregational in Marseilles, Ill., before retiring in 1979. He was the associate pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashley after moving to Indiana.

He retired as an engineer from the Burlington Railroad, where he worked from 1936 through 1969. He was a World War II veteran and a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, serving as an engineering officer.

He was a member of the Marseilles Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Bloomington, Ill., and Mohammed Shrine of Peoria, Ill. He was past master and secretary at the Marseilles lodge and chaplain of the Garrett Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Garrett Ministerial Association and treasurer for Community Care of Garrett.

He was born Oct. 17, 1913, in Grand Island, Neb., to the late Elliot and Edith (Huxtable) Harrison.

He married Marjorie Lyndoe on June 1, 1935, in Grand Island, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lillian Myers of Auburn and Lorine Scroggins of Longview, Texas; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A son, Craig Harrison, preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. The Rev. Norman Conklin will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Grace Husselman

AUBURN — Grace O. Husselman, 101, died Thursday afternoon at her daughter's home in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Husselman was a bank teller and member of the First United Methodist Church and Greenhurst Country Club, both in Auburn. She lived in Auburn until a short time ago.

She was born Feb. 1, 1898, in Auburn to the late Alpheus W. and Katie (Fox) Madden.

She married Ernest Husselman, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Joyce Markey of Bryan; three grandchildren, Sybil (Markey) Eady of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ruth Argenio of Charleston, S.C., and John C. Markey II of Charlotte, S.C.; and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 1-4 p.m. (Indiana time) in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan.

Her funeral service will be held Monday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dwight Bowers officiating. Entombment will take place at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Imogene Puterbaugh

ANGOLA — Imogene (Minars) Puterbaugh, 84, formerly of Albany, died May 14 at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was born in New Castle and graduated from Redkey High School in 1933.

Mrs. Puterbaugh had worked at the Indiana Glass Co. in Dunkirk before becoming co-owner of the Albany Locker (Minars IGA), from which she retired after several years. She was a member of Albany United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Michael Minars (and wife, Christi) of Albany; two daughters, Carolyn Fry (and husband, Jim) of Angola, and Kathy Everetts (and husband, Ted) of Hamilton; a stepdaughter, Carol Thornburgh (and husband, Robert) of Indianapolis; two sisters, Romanelle Lloyd of Dunkirk, and Lorada Craig of Parker City; and seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild, five stepgrandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by spouses Clifford Minars in 1974 and Dr. Karl E. Puterbaugh in 1985, three brothers, a sister, a grandchild and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Parson-Rust Funeral Home, Albany, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Parkinsons Foundation, 833 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 488, Hamilton, IN 46742.

Cecil Barhydt

AUBURN — Cecil F. "Pete" Barhydt, 78, died Wednesday at 3 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Barhydt

He was Auburn's police chief for eight years and a chief deputy sheriff for DeKalb County for five years.

Mr. Barhydt was a meat cutter for most of his life, and cut steaks at Joshua's Restaurant until March. He retired in 1985 from Rieke Corp. after 11 years of service.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, where he was a former lay minister and Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 165. He guided eight boys in becoming Eagle Scouts. He was a former Auburn Little League coach and former DeMolay chapter dad. He was a member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614, F.& A.M. and the former Waterloo Masonic Lodge. He played Santa Claus in Auburn for many years.

Mr. Barhydt was born Nov. 19, 1920, in Goshen to the late George W. and Jennie M. (Getz) Barhydt.

He married Dorothy L. Shelton on Dec. 24, 1924. She died Jan. 4, 1988.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Barbara Barhydt of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Todd, Tyler and Cheryl Barhydt.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.,m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Bill Kaster and the Rev. Susan Poynter officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

Kenneth Davis

BUTLER — Kenneth L. Davis, 73, died Thursday at 3 a.m. in Butler.

Mr. Davis worked for Magnavox In Fort Wayne for 41 years. He was a member of the Magnavox Quarter Century Club, Magnavox Retirees Club, and Auburn Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 7, 1925, in Butler to the late Lewis E. and Chloey (Rosenbrook) Davis.

He married Marceline J. Robbins on Nov. 19, 1949, in Indiana, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Lauri Ley, and her husband, Fred, of Severna Park, Md.; an adopted son, Brad Davis of Kentucky; and two grandchildren, Jonathan and Jordan Ley.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett, Ralph and Winford, and two sisters, Dora Davis and Lewellen Slatter.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., with calling after 2 p.m. Minister John Scott will officiate.

Memorial donations may be given to the Auburn Church of Christ elevator fund.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Thelma Sims

AUBURN — Thelma V. Sims, 92, died Friday in her home.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn since 1974. She was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, and enjoyed sewing, gardening and church work.

She was born March 17, 1907, to the late Alvin and Rosa (Schieber) Raines.

Surviving her are one daughter, Virgiline F. Allmandinger of Auburn; one son, Delvin P. Sims of Dayton, Ohio; one brother, Donald E. Raines of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Clare R. Jewell of Lakewood Park Baptist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Karen Biddle

LAGRANGE — Karen S. Biddle, 63, formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 3:43 p.m. Friday in Vencor Hospital in LaGrange. Survivors include her husband, Jim Biddle, and two daughters, Amy and Mary Lou, along with her mother, Mary Ulrey. Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Norma Tressler**, 86, of LaGrange, died Friday. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange. Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Elmo Mary Feightner**, 87, of Kendallville, died Thursday at 8:50 p.m. Viewing will be Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, while the funeral service will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Jeanette June Yocum**, 88, of Kendallville, died at 2:40 p.m. Thursday in the Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home in Kendallville. Viewing will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill; the funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Shepherd of the Hill Chapel.

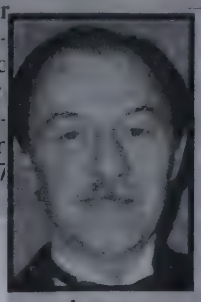
Deaths/Funerals

William James

AUBURN — William D. "Bill" James, 56, died Saturday at 3:51 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. James retired from Uniform Information Services after six years as an insurance analyst. He also had been a banker, insurance agent and real estate broker. He was a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. and a 1960 graduate of Madison Heights High School in Anderson.

He had lived in Auburn since 1970 and was a past president of the Auburn Jaycees, and served on committees for DeKalb Memorial Hospital and the United Way. He was an officer of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.



James

He was a committee member for the Youth For Christ golf outing, a trustee for the Auburn Elks Lodge, and a former board member of Greenhurst Country Club. He was a member of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 5, 1942, in Anderson to the late William and Kathryn L. (Lutton) James.

He married Cheryl M. Hartranft on March 24, 1992, in Florida, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Scott L. of Auburn; two daughters, Robyn L. Boyd and Amy J. James, both of Auburn; one stepson, Scott A. Greenwood of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Stacey L. Schannon of Auburn; one brother, Arthur S. Mullins of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Karen A. Huff and Mary L. McCreary, both of Anderson; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Phillip D. Reynolds of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children or St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Evening Star, Thur, May 24, 1999 (cont'd)

James Bellinger

GARRETT — James S. Bellinger Sr., 54, of Garrett, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A graduate of Orland High School, Mr. Bellinger formerly lived in the Marion and Angola areas. He was a truck driver for Burlington Trucking Co. and had retired from GTE North, Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 3, 1945, in Steuben County to Asa W. and Josephine (Pion) Bellinger. His father survives in Orland. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1990 and his wife, Judith J. (Richey) Bellinger, in 1993.

Also surviving are three sons, James Jr. of Avilla, Joseph of Waterloo, and Jeffery of Kendallville; a brother, Asa G. of Kinderhook, Mich.; two sisters, Susanna Shumaker of Angola and Arlene J. Wells of Orland; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Esther M. Hathaway

GARRETT — Esther M. Hathaway, 83, died Sunday at 8:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor of Garrett.

Mrs. Hathaway had been a homemaker in Garrett.

She was born Dec. 5, 1915, in Auburn to Noble Ray Horn and Gladys (Balzer) Horn. Both parents are deceased.

She married Orel Hathaway in Garrett on Oct. 3, 1936. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Larry Hathaway, and one daughter, Janet Yarian, both of Garrett; two sisters, Mary Shier Gilman of Brush Prairie, Wash., and Della Ray of Friendsville, Tenn.; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by one son, Milton Ray, two brothers and one sister.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Arthur Ferry will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to charities selected by the donors.

Anna Van Dyne

ANGOLA — Anna Van Dyne, 82, of Angola, died Thursday at her residence.

Mrs. Van Dyne was a homemaker and a member of the Ashley Church of God.

She was born Oct. 11, 1916, in Cement City, Mich., to the late George and Gottliber (Grim) Hardesty.

Surviving are her husband, Wayne Van Dyne, at home; three sons, John Wayne Van Dyne of Marble, N.C., Ronald Lee Van Dyne of Angola, and Roger Dean Van Dyne of Homosassa, Fla.; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Greg Van Dyne, in 1997, three brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with Pastor Dean Snyder of the Ashley Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Memoriald donations may be made to the Ashley Church of God.

Doris DePew

AUBURN — Doris L. DePew, 79, died Saturday at 12:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. DePew was born March 18, 1920, in Auburn to the late William and Mable (Williams) Refner.

She married Edward N. DePew on April 30, 1938, in St. Joe, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two sons, Thomas and Steven, both of Auburn; one brother, Stanley Refner of Mishawaka; and one sister, Vivian Gerst of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by two sons, David and Michael, one brother, Willard Refner, and one sister, Mary Ellen Bailey.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Andrew Higle of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, officiating. Burial will follow in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Princess Davidson

WATERLOO — Princess Davidson, 86, died Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in St. Johns Hospital, Anderson.

Mrs. Davidson was a homemaker and a former resident of Pendleton and South Bend. She was a member of Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend, and of Tri Kappa.

She was born Sept. 26, 1912, in Wapakoneta, Ohio, to Archibald and Lou (VanDusen) George, both of whom preceded her in death. She married Harold Davidson on May 22, 1934, in Auburn. He preceded her in death Sept. 30, 1976.

She is survived by four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sarah Tolbot of South Bend, Karen and Jerry Sale of Anderson, Donna and Jim Sweet of Indianapolis and Cheryl and Kent Turner of Coatesville; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with the Rev. Jamie Miller of the Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend, presiding.

Memorial donations may be made to Sunnyside Presbyterian Church.

William Wells

ORLAND — William Edward Wells Jr., 36, of Orland, died Friday.

Mr. Wells worked as a truck driver.

He was born Jan. 28, 1963, in Fort Wayne to William E. Wells Sr. and Nancy Ann (Fisher) Wells. He was preceded in death by his mother.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Mary Jane Wells, of Orland; a daughter, Amanda Ankenbruck of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Timothy (and wife, Mary) of Orland, and Stephen (and wife, Margaret) of Kentucky; and a sister, Victoria Lynn Stanley (and husband, Rocky) of Albion.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Charles Smith officiating. Burial will be in Fair View Cemetery, Huntertown.

Memorial donations may be made in care of the family.

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Lucille Shaffer

RICHMOND — Lucille Shaffer, 87, of Richmond, died Friday at Reid Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Shaffer was employed by Richmond Community Schools for 29 years. She was a graduate of Webster High School and lived in the Richmond area all her life.

She was born in Wayne County on March 10, 1912, to John and Maude (Tharp) Newman.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Marley of Auburn and Julia McNew of Richmond; a son, Duane Shaffer of Mooresville; four brothers, Herschel Newman of Fountain City, Willard Newman of Economy, Wayne Newman of Indianapolis, and Bob Newman of Muncie; 11 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death in 1986 by her husband, Kenneth Shaffer, and in 1990 by a granddaughter, Mandi McNew.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Doan and Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. David Mohler of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's favorite charitable organization.

Deborah Surfus

ST. JOE — Deborah Ann Surfus, 47, died Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in her rural St. Joe home.

Mrs. Surfus was a librarian and worked at Eckhart Public Library in Auburn and Hicksville Public Library in Hicksville, Ohio. She was a member of the Newville United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 13, 1951, in Auburn to Charles and Anna (Aldrich) Kline. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

She married Robert Surfus on Nov. 29, 1974, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kyle Nathan, at home; two daughters, Amy Beth Rapp of Avilla and Adriel Rae Surfus, at home; two brothers, Michael Kline of Auburn and Jeff Kline of Angola; and one sister, Maureen Purdy of Auburn.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, Fort Wayne Hospice, or the Newville United Methodist Church.

Betty Smith

GARRETT — Betty Jean (Snoke) Smith, 66, died Sunday at 3:50 a.m. in her Garrett home.

She retired in 1994 from Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn. She was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn, Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Garrett Eagles Lodge and American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 6, 1932, in Marshall County to the late Ross Vernon and Carrie Katherine (Eaton) Snoke.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherlyn Wilson (and her husband, Ralph) of Rome City and Marla Smith of Elkhart; one brother, Vernon Snoke of Avon Park, Fla.; three sisters, Eilene Hammond of Okeechobee, Fla., Nadeane Dodson of Plymouth, and Mary Osborn of Nappanee; and a friend, Joan Deskins of Garrett.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Mausoleum in Plymouth.

The family requests memorial contributions to her church or to DeKalb Home Health Services of DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Leslie Hall

ROME CITY — Leslie Hall, 69, of Rome City, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday in his residence. He had been ill approximately 10 years.

He was born in Floyd County, Ky., Jan. 10, 1930, to Levi and Nannie (Osborne) Hall. In 1972 in Wolcottville, he married Doris Hicks. She survives.

Mr. Hall, formerly of Garrett, moved to Rome City 10 years ago. He was a retired Fort Wayne Foundry worker.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Betty Jane Slone of Kendallville; a son, Sheridan Hall of Butler; three stepdaughters, Debby McCoy of Climbing Hill, Iowa, Carolyn Shambarger of Kendallville, and Vicki Harmon of Albion; two stepsons, Mike Miller and Clay Miller, both of Rome City; two sisters, Berniece Matthews of Ashland, Ohio, and Geraldine Spurlock of Hindman, Ky.; a brother, Billy Hall of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild, Chad Metzger, in 1980.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Gospel Lighthouse, Veterans Way, Kendallville, with the Rev. Carter Hicks and the Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, and after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Grace Heckman Lemon Stonebraker**, 80, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Ormas Baptist Church. Calling 7-9 p.m. today and 2-9 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

CROMWELL — **Edie Cureton**, 44, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

HOWE — **Karen Suzette Biddle**, 63, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **Leann E. Holcomb**, 64, died Saturday. Memorial services at a later date.

The Evening Star, Tues., May 25, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Thelma Gorrell

GRABILL — Thelma Gorrell, 70, died Sunday at 11:40 p.m. at the home of her son, Norman. She had been in failing health for several months.

Mrs. Gorrell worked at the Putsy Restaurant in Hicksville, Ohio, and at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 10 years. She attended Harlan High School and lived in Grabill.

She was born Dec. 3, 1928, in Allen County, Ind., to the late Delbee and Alta (Loucks) Ruppert.

She married Raymond C. Gorrell on April 26, 1945, and he died June 2, 1987.

Surviving her are two sons, Clifton "Butch" Gorrell of Harlan, and Norman Gorrell of Grabill; one daughter, Vickie Williams of Fort Wayne; one sister, Leitha Cottrell of Coldwater, Mich.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Gorrell; and three brothers, Clifton, Russell and Teddy Ruppert.

Friends may call today after 3 p.m. and Wednesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will take place in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be given to charities chosen by the donors.

William James

AUBURN — William D. "Bill" James, 56, died Saturday at 3:51 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. James retired from Uniform Information Services after six years as an insurance analyst. He also had been a banker, insurance agent and real estate broker. He was a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. and a 1960 graduate of Madison Heights High School in Anderson.

He had lived in Auburn since 1970 and was a past president of the Auburn Jaycees, and served on committees for DeKalb Memorial Hospital and the United Way. He was an officer of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was a committee member for the Youth For Christ golf outing, a trustee for the Auburn Elks Lodge, and a former board member of Greenhurst Country Club. He was a member of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 5, 1942, in Anderson to the late William and Kathryn L. (Lutton) James.

He married Cheryl M. (Hartranft) Greenwood on March 24, 1992, in Florida, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Scott L. (and wife, Michelle) of Auburn; two daughters, Robyn L. Boyd (and husband, Maurice) and Amy J. James, both of Auburn; one stepson, Scott A. Greenwood (and wife, Karen) of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Stacy L. Schannen (and husband, Stephen) of Auburn; one brother, Arthur S. Mullins (and wife, Phyllis) of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Karen A. Huff and Mary L. McCreary (and husband, Carroll), both of Anderson; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Phillip D. Reynolds of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children or St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The above obituary is being republished with additional information.

Leo E. Case Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Leo E. Case Sr., 91, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in Heritage Park Health Care Center.

A Syracuse native, Mr. Case was a retired farmer.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Quale of Fort Wayne; three sons, Leo E. Case Jr. of Columbia City, Peter Case of Churubusco, and Gerald Case of Auburn; three sisters, Frances Rodermund and Eleanora Murphy, both of Fort Wayne, and Victoria Fischer of Avilla; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

There will be no funeral services or visitation.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Ramey

STROH — Mabel Corinne (Langley) Ramey, 76, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died there Wednesday.

She was born Feb. 18, 1923, to Arthur and Clara Langley. She married John Ramey, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ramey, formerly of Stroh, was a 1940 graduate of Salem Center High School.

Surviving are three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Linda Lee and Susan Richardson.

There are no services or visitation.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Hudson, at a later date.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Tues., May 25, 1999 (cont'd)

Betty Smith

GARRETT — Betty Jean (Snoke) Smith, 66, died Sunday at 3:50 p.m. in her Garrett home.

She retired in 1994 from Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn. She was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn, Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Garrett Eagles Lodge and American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 6, 1932, in Marshall County to the late Ross Vernon and Carrie Katherine (Eaton) Snoke.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherlyn Wilson (and her husband, Ralph) of Rome City and Marla Smith of Elkhart; one brother, Vernon Snoke of Avon Park, Fla.; three sisters, Eilene Hammond of Okeechobee, Fla., Nadeane Dodson of Plymouth, and Mary Osborn of Nappanee; and a friend, Joan Deskins of Garrett.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Mausoleum in Plymouth.

The family requests memorial contributions to her church or to DeKalb Home Health Services of DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **W. Marniece Walker**, 85, died Sunday. Service at noon Wednesday in Kimmell United Methodist Church. Calling 3-8 p.m. today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

The Evening Star, Wed., May 26, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Kathryn Bebout

AUBURN — Kathryn Irene Bebout, 65, died Tuesday at 4:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker at her home in Auburn and also for the DeKalb County Council on Aging. She was a member of the Hopewell United Brethren Church in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Bebout was born Feb. 24, 1934, in Rochester, Ind., to the late Albert and Clara (Leonhard) Crothers.

She married Randall Bebout on June 5, 1971, in Roanoke, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Susan Barna (and husband, Robert) of Auburn, and Bobbi Russell (and husband, Tom) of New Palestine; one son, Scott Bebout (and wife, Michele) of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Connie Bechke (and husband Jerry) of Logansport, Sandy Smith of Indianapolis, and Denise Ramsey (and husband Curt) of Logansport; 13 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, with calling at the church after 10 a.m. The Rev. Darwin Dunten will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hopewell United Brethren Missions, 6852 County Road 35, Auburn IN 46706.

Evening Star, Wed., May 26, 1999 (cont'd)

Violet Boyd

GARRETT — Violet M. Boyd, 75, died Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Boyd was a homemaker and a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church of Ashley-Hudson. She lived in Garrett.

She was born July 22, 1923, in Garrett to the late Forrest and Ruby (Wolfe) Snyder.

She married Dorsie Boyd on Sept. 19, 1940, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mitchell and Kendra Boyd of Garrett and Dolan and Barbara Boyd of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Wendell Caywood of Leo and Connie and Carl Mason of Auburn; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One sister, Dorothy Heileman, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with Sam Weimer officiating.

Mary Weimer

FORT WAYNE — Mary J. Weimer, 63, died Tuesday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

An Auburn native, she retired from Chain O' Lakes State Park in 1997.

Surviving are her husband, Richard E. Weimer; two sons, Rick E. Weimer and Matthew L. Weimer, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Melinda Muntzinger of Ohio City, Ohio, and Karen Wegmen of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Bernadette Meyer of Avilla and Agnes Ball of Auburn; and 10 grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with rosary recital at 4:30 p.m. Thursday; and at the church one hour before services Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the church's building fund or to the American Cancer Society.

Kathryn Fisher

AUBURN — Kathryn L. Fisher, 88, of Auburn, died Tuesday at 12:25 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett.

She worked for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, retiring at the age of 87. She had lived in Auburn since 1980 and lived most of her life in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and Auburn Order of the Eastern Star 103.

Mrs. Fisher was born March 1, 1911, in Greenfield to the late Walter and Bella Meek.

She married Carl Fisher in 1937 in Lebanon, Ind., and he died in 1964.

Surviving her are one son, Thomas of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Timothy, Thomas C. and Laura K. Fisher.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael; two brothers, Harold and Joseph; and two sisters, Rea Meek and Leone Slate.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Opal Barkey

KENDALLVILLE — Opal Earlene Barkey, 79, of Kendallville, died at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville Dec. 28, 1919, to Earlin and Jessie (Miser) Barkey.

Miss Barkey, a homemaker, had lived south of Helmer until moving to Wolcottville in 1981. She moved to Kendallville in 1990.

There are no immediate survivors except for cousins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Helmer United Methodist Church.

Agnes Jordan

FORT WAYNE — Agnes E. Jordan, 41, died Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Surviving her are her husband, Gary W.; a son, Justin J. Jordan at home; her mother, Anne Scheere Husner of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Walter Scheerer of Fort Wayne and Joseph Tawdul of Angola; one sister, Barbara Leazier of Boyne Falls, Mich.

Her father, Walter J. Scheerer, preceded her in 1979.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. A prayer service will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 1 p.m. in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold Road. Burial will follow in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Lorenza McMurray

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Lorenza C. McMurray, 89, died May 12 in Riverside.

Mrs. McMurray was a longtime Angola and Fremont resident and worked as a registered nurse in Coldwater, Mich., for 40 years.

She was born March 29, 1910, in St. Agnes, Canada.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sally McMurray of Riverside, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. McMurray, and son, Robert C. McMurray.

Mrs. McMurray requested no services be held. Burial was in California Township Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Arrangements were made by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

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Elda Augenstein

NEW HAVEN — Elda C. Augenstein, 79, died Monday at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven.

She retired in 1984 after seven years as a cook for Lake George Retreat. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven.

She was born Oct. 18, 1919, in Allen County. Her husband, Donald W. Augenstein, preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving her are two daughters, Sandra Schilling of New Haven and Rejeania Frasier of Fremont; two sons, Wayne of New Haven and Neal of Kendallville; one sister, Irene Hauke of New Haven; two brothers, Arnold Hirsch of Greenfield and Kenneth Hirsch of Woodburn; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven. Burial will take place in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to worship for shut-ins or a charity of the donor's choice.

Delmer Shirley

GARRETT — Delmer G. Shirley, 70, died Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Shirley lived in Garrett and was a brakeman for the CSX Railroad for 27 1/2 years, retiring Aug. 4, 1989. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of the Avilla post of the American Legion, Garrett Eagles Lodge and Kendallville Moose Lodge.

He was born May 13, 1929, in De Soto, Ill., to the late Melvin and Arlene (Correll) Shirley.

He married Marjorie J. Tarlton on March 17, 1951, in LaGrange, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Barbara Reise (and her companion, Ray Caskey) of Waterloo and Sharon Miller of Olney Springs, Colo.; one stepson, Jim Prince (and wife, Pam) of Fremont; two brothers, Don of North Liberty and Charles "Leon" of Shipshewana; three sisters, Hilda Jane Inks and Emma Inks, both of Lenor City, Fla., and Norma Gaut of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One brother, one sister and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Arthur 'Taters' Troyer

LAOTTO — Arthur L. "Taters" Troyer, 71, known as LaOtto's "Potato King," died at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been hospitalized since Thursday, May 20, after collapsing at his rural LaOtto residence.

Mr. Troyer was born on Oct. 2, 1927, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Everett R. and Eva (Ridenour) Troyer. He was married in LaOtto on Oct. 10, 1948, to Pauline E. Keller, and spent his entire lifetime in the same home.

Troyer

He was employed as a truck motor repairman at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1983. He was also engaged in potato and onion farming in Swan Township all of his life.

Well known in the potato industry, he had received several awards for potatoes, including the coveted potato award from Kroger Supermarkets.

Crowned Indiana Potato King on two separate occasions, he also invented the first potato vending machine. His invention received much publicity and was featured on Paul Harvey's radio broadcast.

Mr. Troyer was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church, was a former church trustee, and had served the church in various other administrative positions.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip A. and Kathy Troyer of LaOtto, and Don L. and Vickie Troyer of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Rick Lee of Huntertown; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Millie Troyer of St. Joseph's Island, Ontario; and two sisters, Marcile Schenk of Huntertown, and Lois Andros of Hemet, Calif.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren: Scott, Kelly, Matt, Eric, Alex, Josh, Lindsay and Austin Troyer, Andrea Lee Myers, Aaron Lee and Ryan Lee.

A son, Michael L. Troyer, died in 1993. Also preceding him in death were five brothers, Keith, Darwin, Darrel, Otho and Allen Troyer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at LaOtto Wesleyan Church with Pastors Lois and James Watkins officiating.

Calling will be at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m., and at the church one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Kathryn Fisher

AUBURN — Kathryn L. Fisher, 88, of Auburn, died Tuesday at 12:25 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett.

Mrs. Fisher worked for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, retiring at the age of 87. She had lived in Auburn since 1980 and lived most of her life in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and Auburn Order of the Eastern Star 103.

She was born March 1, 1911, in Greenfield to the late Walter and Bella Meek.

She married Carl Fisher in 1937 in Lebanon, Ind., and he died in 1964.

Surviving her are one son, Thomas (and wife, Susan) of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Timothy, Thomas C. and Laura K. Fisher.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael; two brothers, Harold and Joseph; and two sisters, Rea Meek and Leone Slate.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Yoquelet

LIGONIER — Evelyn Yoquelet, 74, died Wednesday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, where she had been taken earlier in the day. She had been in declining health for some time.

She was born Oct. 14, 1924, in Noble County to Frank and Bessie Marie (Addis) Christlieb. On June 24, 1944, in Roanoke, she married Melvin Yoquelet, who preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1997.

She and her husband had resided in Avilla for several years before moving to Ligonier in 1987. Also, they had briefly lived in Florida before returning to Ligonier.

She had worked for General Electric for 18 years and retired from Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier.

She attended the Ligonier Church of Christ.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. John (Carolyn) Seeley of Ligonier; two sons, Mel Yoquelet Jr. of Ashley and Mark Yoquelet of Cromwell; one sister, Dortha Ramsey of Churubusco; three brothers, Milton Christlieb of Garrett, Frank Christlieb of Ligonier and Paul Christlieb of Churubusco; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Christlieb.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Sterling Shinn officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Bethel J. Love**, 86, of LaGrange, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Church of God, LaGrange. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LAGRANGE — **Carol M. Humble**, 56, of Bristol, died Tuesday in Goshen. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling from 5-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **W. Glenn Vidt**, 67, a prominent LaGrange community leader and retired assistant treasurer of Sears, Roebuck & Co., died Wednesday. Memorial services at 3 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with calling there from 1-3 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Delmer Shirley

GARRETT — Delmer G. Shirley, 70, died Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Shirley lived in Garrett and was a brakeman for the CSX Railroad for 27 1/2 years, retiring Aug. 4, 1989. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of the Avilla post of the American Legion, Garrett Eagles Lodge and Kendallville Moose Lodge.

He was born May 13, 1929, in De Soto, Ill., to the late Melvin and Arlene (Correll) Shirley.

He married Marjorie J. Tarlton on March 17, 1951, in LaGrange, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Barbara Reis (and her companion, Ray Caskey) of Waterloo and Sharon Miller (and her companion, Le Roy Butcher) of Olney Springs, Colo.; one stepson, Jim Prince (and wife, Pam) of Fremont; two brothers, Don of North Liberty and Charles "Leon" of Shipshewana; three sisters, Hilda Jane Inks and Emma Inks, both of Lenor City, Tenn., and Norma Gaut of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One brother, one sister and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. the Rev. Rick Rigney of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Wilma Schermerhorn**, 76, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in First Church of God, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral home, LaGrange.

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — **Captolia D. Hastings**, 28, of Bentonville, Ark., formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, May 21, in her home. Services were Tuesday, May 25, in Arkansas.

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Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Nierengarten

FREMONT — Dorothy Nierengarten, 69, of Fremont, formerly of Angola, died Thursday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

She was born Jan. 9, 1930, in Chicago to the late George and Lucille Nierengarten.

She never married and has no known survivors.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will take place in Carter Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Olin Woodard

CAMDEN, Mich. — Olin George Woodard, 90, died Thursday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a former Camden, Mich., resident and graduated from Camden High School in 1927. He farmed until 1951, when he become a school bus driver and maintenance assistant. He retired from Camden-Frontier Schools in 1973 after 21 years of service.

He was a former member of the Mount Union Christian Union Church in Cooney, Ohio, where he served as treasurer and board member. He was a member of Thorn Hill Baptist Church in Hudson, Mich., where he was a trustee and board member. He joined the grange in 1951 and was a member of Lickly Corners Grange, Hillsdale County Pomona Grange, Michigan State Grange, and National Grange. He served as master, treasurer, gatekeeper, steward, and assistant steward in local and county granges.

He was a member of the Michigan Public Schools Retired Employees Association, Lenawee County Chapter, the MEA, AARP, and Maple Grove Senior Citizens in Hudson, Mich. He enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Woodard was born Feb. 21, 1909, in Camden Township, Mich., to the late Ora and Floy (Palmer) Woodard.

He married Anna Lee Carey on Sept. 3, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Franklin (and wife, Joyce) Woodard of Auburn; one stepgrandson-in-law, Mark Burkhart of Colton, Ohio; and four stepgreat-granddaughters, Anna, Elizabeth, Kimberly and Rachel Burkhart.

Three brothers, one stepgranddaughter and one niece preceded him in death.

Friends may call Monday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in St. John-White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Mount Union Christian Union Church, with the Rev. William Graafsma and the Rev. Dean Morris officiating. Burial will take place in Camden Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to charities selected by the donors.

Dow Coons Sr.

HARTFORD CITY — Dow Eugene "Pedad" Coons Sr., 78, died Thursday at 2:18 p.m. in Marion General Hospital, Marion.

He retired from Warner Gear in 1978 after 30 years of service. He was a lifelong resident of the area and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Moyer-Pooler American Legion Post, Hartford City Amvets Post, Warner Gear Sympathy Club and Bethel Center Church of the Brethren, Hartford City.

Mr. Coons was born Sept. 6, 1920, in Hartford City. He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Edward Coons, in 1959, and by his mother, Genevra (Colelaw) Coons, in April 1972.

He married Mildred Inez Smith on Feb. 28, 1942, in Van Buren, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two sons, Gabe Coons (and wife, Dona) of Hartford City and Robbie Douglas Coons (and fiancée, Geri Jordan) of Kendallville; three daughters, Elaine Hancock (and husband, Don), and Patricia Schmidt (and husband, Michael), all of Hartford City, and Barbara Ann Piercy (and husband, Mike) of Montpelier, Ind.; one sister, Martha Naomi Hubbard of Gas City; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Samuel E. Coons Jr.; a sister, Audrey Imogene Coons; a half-sister, Mary McDermitt Myers; and a brother, Lorenzo McDermitt.

Friends may call Saturday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City.

His funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after noon. The Rev. Lloyd Hall will officiate. Burial will follow in Hartford City Cemetery with a military graveside service by the Moyer Pooler American Legion Post.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, P.O. Box 88-541, Chicago IL 60680-1541.

Deaths/Funerals

Shian Lantz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Shian Jean Lantz, 7 months, died Friday at 7:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kendallville, Oct. 30, 1998, to Jason Michael and Pilar (Homister) Lantz. His father survives in Avilla, and his mother, Pilar López, resides in Butler.

Lantz

Surviving with her parents are a sister, Nakita Homister of Butler; a brother, Sebastian Lantz of Butler; paternal grandparents, Morris and Carolyn Lantz of Howe, and Diane Urguizo of Kendallville; paternal great-grandparents, Esther Kuhn of LaGrange, Kenneth Lantz of Centreville, Mich., and Delores Colpetsir of Sturgis, Mich.; maternal great-grandmother, Wilma Cox of Kendallville; and paternal great-great-grandmother, Polly Hedglin of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Robert Raschka of Howe United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, near Rome City.

Visitation is from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Joan Krohn

HAMILTON — Joan Elizabeth Krohn, 64, died Sunday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Krohn was a music teacher in the Fort Wayne Community Schools for over 17 years. She earned a master's degree from Ball State University. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association and Hamilton United Methodist Church, where she was the former director of the Rainbow Preschool. She was an accomplished pianist.

She was born Feb. 15, 1935, in Angola to the late Preston Morley and Lois Elizabeth (Eckert) Krohn.

She married Henry T. "Hank" Krohn on March 11, 1956, in Hamilton, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kevin Krohn of Hamilton; two daughters, Mary Jo Light and Lois Davis, both of Angola; two brothers, Leon Teegardin of Ashley and Owen Teegardin of Fort Wayne; one sister, Gwen Baker of Fremont; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the church, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will take place in Teegardin Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Alva Cheesman

BLUFFTON — Alva B. Cheesman, 82, died Sunday at noon in Christian Care Retirement Community. He had been in failing health for four years.

He retired in 1978 after three years as administrator of Meadowvale Care & Rehabilitation Center. He worked at Kerr Glass Co. in Dunkirk for 38 1/1 years as a mold maker before 1976, when he moved to Bluffton.

He was a 1937 graduate of Dunkirk High School. He was a member of Gideons International and Hope Missionary Church. He sang for weddings, graduations and other occasions.

He was born May 9, 1917, in Blackford County to Alva A. and Lydia (Hensley) Cheesman.

He married Ruth Reece on Feb. 23, 1941, in Hartford City. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sondra Franks (and husband Richard), Auburn, Wanda (Mrs. Gary) Evans, Highland, Mich., and Rhonda (Mrs. Lowell) DePoy, Hardinsburg; one son, Gary, of Hartford City; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen (Mrs. Floyd) Bartlett, Albany, Ind.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister, including Don Cheesman, who died Feb. 27, 1999.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at Thoma, Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton.

A funeral service will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hope Missionary Church. The Rev. Matt Hartsell, the Rev. Gary Ringenberg and the Rev. Terry Linehart will officiate. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory at Muncie.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hope Church Building Fund, Gideons International or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Joseph Prater

LISBON — Joseph H. Prater, 56, of Lisbon, died unexpectedly at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in his home.

He was born Nov. 3, 1942, in Alpharetta, Ky., to Jobie and Lulu (Thompson) Prater.

Mr. Prater was disabled.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Prater of Garrett; six sisters, Barbara Sexton, Joyce Reade and Diana Reid, all of Kendallville, and Brenda Ochoa of Butler, Joyce Simmons of Wolcottville, and Billie Ann Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; nine brothers, Gene Prater of Douglasville, Ga., Don Prater of Allen, Ky., Dochie Prater of Kentucky, Sonny Prater, address unknown, and Ted Prater and Richard Prater, both of Kendallville, David Prater of Rome City, and Ron Prater of Corunna, and Mike Prater of Garrett; and a granddaughter, Elyssa Lewis of Garrett.

Funeral services were today at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial was in Lisbon Cemetery.

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Martha Refner

AUBURN — Martha E. Refner, 85, died Monday at 1:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Refner worked in assembly at Essex in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1980. She lived in Auburn for 63 years and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born Jan. 8, 1914, in Avilla to the late William and Anna (Shoudel) Fetter.

She married Willard E. Refner on April 25, 1936, in Auburn, and he died in 1982.

Surviving her are two daughters, Christine Costin of Garrett and Joyce Moppin of Watsontown, Pa.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Patrick Refner; two brothers, John Fetter and Lawrence Fetter; and two sisters, Catherine Merriman and Agnes Foster.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Raymond Balzer officiating. Burial will take place in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School, Garrett.

Russel Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Russel E. Temple, 87, of Kendallville, died at 8:10 p.m. Friday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 26, 1911, in Kendallville, to Sanders E. and Ethel L. (Cochran) Temple. On Dec. 30, 1946, in Port Arthur, Texas, he married Ora Bell Onderdonk. She preceded him in death Aug. 15, 1993. He then married Eiline I. Kistler on Aug. 26, 1995, in South Milford. She survives.

Mr. Temple, a shipping clerk, retired from McCray Refrigeration. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He entered the military Aug. 28, 1934, in San Pedro, Calif., and retired Nov. 30, 1954. He was a member of F. & A.M. Littleton-Fowler Lodge No. 301 in Hemphill, Texas, and V.F.W. Post 2749, Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Temple of Auburn, Wash., Russel and Jacque Temple of Douglasville, Ga., and Phillip and Vicky Temple of Kendallville; two stepsons, Andrus Vallow of Tuscon, Ariz., and Ron and Sandy Marshall of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Sheila and Clarence Treesh and LuAnn Hart, all of Kendallville; two brothers, Donald C. Temple and Sanders E. Temple Jr., both of Kendallville; a sister, Gloria Graves of Auburn; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday in Hite Funeral Home, with Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be Wednesday in Hemphill Cemetery, Hemphill, Texas.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Rupert Cutshall

AVILLA — Rupert W. Cutshall, 87, died Monday at 2:58 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a farmer all his life. He also worked for Dana Corp. in Auburn, then drove trucks for Avilla Feed Mills and Montgomery Ward, Fort Wayne. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, and a volunteer for the United Way a number of years ago.

Mr. Cutshall was born Jan. 6, 1912, in Huntertown to the late Frank E. and Kathryn (Plengey) Cutshall.

He married Mildred Smith on April 7, 1933, in Churubusco, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul F. and John, both of Avilla; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Teegardin of Mountain Home, Ark.; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Richard Kraus will officiate. Burial will take place in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to Youth For Christ, or to the church.

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Maurice Yerden

AUBURN — Maurice R. Yerden, 75, died Monday at 6:25 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, where he had resided for 3 1/2 years.

He was a retired dispatcher for Consumers Power Co. in Allegan, Saginaw and Jackson, Mich. He was a member of the County Line Church of God, was a Citizens Band radio enthusiast, and was involved in Boy Scouts.

Mr. Yerden was born Oct. 18, 1923, in Plainwell, Mich., to the late Rev. Ivan G. and Elsie (Beardsley) Yerden.

He married Lenore E. Hazelrigg on June 13, 1943, in Allegan. She died March 14, 1996.

Surviving him are two daughters, Kay Kruse (and husband, Dennis) of Auburn and Constance M. Yonus (and husband, Robert) of Indianapolis; one son, the Rev. Frank M. Yerden of Vancouver, Wash.; one sister, Naomi Gilson of Allegan; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Alan H. Black, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the County Line Church of God Building Fund.

Kenneth Henry

NORTH WEBSTER — Kenneth M. Henry, 75, died Thursday in his home.

The Harlan native was a tool and die maker.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Henry; seven daughters, Janis Coffee of St. Petersburg, Fla., Sandra Rerit of Cromwell, Margaret Myers of Huntington, Kristi Denton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Saralee Piper, Margaret Crosby and Mary Ann Collins, all of North Webster; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Phyllis Carnahan of Waterloo and one brother, Bob Henry of Terre Haute.

There will be no services or calling. Private burial is planned.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Methodist Church of North Webster or Home Care, Hospice of Kosciusko County.

Arrangements are by McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Robert Jackson

FORT WAYNE — Robert C. Jackson, 71, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died Thursday in Florida.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a supervisor at Dana Corp. and a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly; three sons, Michael R. Jackson of New Haven, R. Andrew Jackson of Glendale, Ariz., and Timothy F. Jackson of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Linda S. Fahlsing of Avilla, Kathleen J. Gibson of Auburn, and Dawn M. Jackson of Kendallville; five stepsons, Thomas, Michael, Gregory, Paul and Gilbert McClain; a stepdaughter, Lisa Sexton; a brother, Donald R. Jackson of Magalia, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Leland J. Reeve**, 71, of Albion, died at 5:38 p.m. Friday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services were today.

LAGRANGE — **William M. Grant**, 83, of rural LaGrange, died at 8:15 a.m. Saturday in his home. No services or visitation.

KENDALLVILLE — **James C. Edwards**, 64, of Kendallville, died at 10 p.m. Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Rome City United Methodist Church. Calling 5-9 p.m. today and 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Nina Price

AUBURN — Nina Mae Price, 73, died Monday at 7 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker, and enjoyed quilting, crossword puzzles and reading. She lived in Auburn for 20 years.

Mrs. Price was born July 1, 1925, in Cattlettsburg, Ky., to the late John and Bertha (Wilson) Crank.

She married John R. Price on Feb. 22, 1946, in Cattlettsburg. He died Dec. 1, 1990.

Surviving her are three sons, Keith J. and Michael L., both of Auburn, and John R. of Hamilton; one daughter, Rita S. Sprague of Fremont; an adopted daughter, Lori A. Price of Kendallville; one brother, Hubert Crank of Cattlettsburg; two sisters, Kathleen Spence of Cattlettsburg and Chloe Belle Perkins of Montpelier, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, one sister and one great-grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in Dayspring Community Church, East Seventh Street, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Martin Longcor will officiate. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Josephine Wise

ANGOLA — Josephine Mary Wise, 88, of Angola, died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Wise was a homemaker. She and her husband built, owned and operated the Wise Stop Motel in Angola for nine years. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society of the church, and the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born April 4, 1911, in Marion County, Ky., to the late Steven and Mamie (Jarboe) Shively.

Surviving are a son, Donald Wise of Cape Coral, Fla.; a daughter, Marleen Hemrick of Angola; a brother, Garland Shively of Coldwater Lake, Mich.; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and nine step-great-grand children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan Wise, in 1980; a daughter, Kathleen Summers, on Feb. 5, 1990; and three half-brothers, Abe Shively, Ed Shively and Ross Shively.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

John Hastreiter

FORT WAYNE — John F. "Jack" Hastreiter, 63, died Sunday in his home.

He was a Rome City native and a tool and die maker at Meyer Stamping.

Surviving are his wife, Shelba; his parents, John and Loretta Hastrieter of Rome City; seven sons, Charlie Hastreiter of Texas, Dave Hastreiter of Florida, Tom Hastreiter and Mike Hastreiter, both of Angola, Steven Hastreiter of Van Buren, John Hastreiter III of Fort Wayne, and Jerry Barnes of Monroeville; five daughters, Belinda Prichard, Karena Moyer and Cheryl Gottschalk, all of Fort Wayne, Brenda Belford of Huntington, and Karla Leach of Florida.; three brothers, Don Hastreiter of St. Mary's, Ohio, Joe Hastrieter of Wisconsin and Jim Hastreiter of Minnesota; three sisters, Joan Hastreiter of Kalamazoo, Mich., Carol Hofellder of Minnesota, and Jane Farrelly of Detroit; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the church youth group.

Joseph Prater

LISBON — Joseph H. Prater, 56, of Lisbon, died unexpectedly at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in his home.

He was born Nov. 3, 1942, in Alpharetta, Ky., to Jobie and Lulu (Thompson) Prater.

Mr. Prater was disabled.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Prater of Garrett; six sisters, Barbara Sexton, Joyce Reade and Diana Reid, all of Kendallville, Brenda Ochoa of Butler, Janice Simmons of Wolcottville, and Billie Ann Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; nine brothers, Gene of Douglasville, Ga., Don of Allen, Ky., Dochie of Kentucky, Sonny, address unknown, Ted and Richard, both of Kendallville, David of Rome City, Ron of Corunna, and Mike of Garrett; and a granddaughter, Elyssa Lewis of Garrett.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial was in Lisbon Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruthene Pinckney

AUBURN — Ruthene B. Pinckney, 70, died Wednesday at 1:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and enjoyed crocheting and embroidery.

Mrs. Pinckney was born Nov. 20, 1928, in Butler County, Pa., to the late Enos and Leona (Goubeaud) Barkey.

She married Lloyd E, Pinckney on Sept. 6, 1952, in Evans City, Pa., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth D. of Keithville, La., and Wayne R. of Waterloo; three sisters, Betty Garvin of Isle of Palms, S.C., Wilma Barkey of Mars, Pa., and Sharon Winterhalter of Evans City; one grandson and two stepgrandsons.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at noon in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Dean Fulk

CHURUBUSCO — Dean F. Fulk, 53, a native of Allen County and a resident of Bourbon, died at 8:18 p.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Plymouth. He had been in failing health since December.

He was born Oct. 19, 1945, in Garrett to Jay F. and Ilene I. (Freeman) Fulk. His father survives in Fort Wayne. On Oct. 22, 1970, in Churubusco, he married Linda Faylor. She also survives.

Mr. Fulk had been an Allen and Whitley county resident until moving to Bourbon in 1983. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and a 1964 graduate of Huntertown High School. He was a member of Local 414 Fort Wayne Teamsters for 27 years, American Legion Post 424, Bourbon, a 4-H leader in Marshall and Fulton counties, and a John Purdue Club member. He was a truck driver for Yellow Freight Lines in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife and father are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary and Heather Fulk of Lowell, and Chad Fulk of Bourbon; a daughter, Barbara Fulk of Bourbon; two stepchildren, Daniel Beiswanger and his wife, Stacy, of South Whitley, and Rhonda Beiswanger of Woodland Hills, Calif.; five grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sherry Sue and Wayne Bringman of Colfax.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ilene (Freeman) Fulk, and a daughter, Courtney Fulk.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Carl L. Fry**, 58, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Big Lake Church of God, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ethel Bennett

ANGOLA — Ethel D. Bennett, 85, died Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived in Angola and worked as a sales clerk for 15 years. She was a volunteer for the hospice program at Cameron Hospital. She was born in Woodburn. Her husband, Harry J. Bennett Jr., died in 1984.

Surviving her are three sons, Michael D. of Angola, Joe of Markle and Wendell W. of St. Paris, Ohio; one daughter, Cheryll S. Belcher of Decatur; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home-Winchester Road Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be give to the Cameron Hospital Hospice Program.

Ethel Bennett

ANGOLA — Ethel D. Bennett, 85, of Angola, died Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital.

She was born in Woodburn and had worked as a sales clerk for 15 years at Sears Roebuck and Co.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryll S. Belcher of Decatur; three sons, Joe Bennett of Markle, Michael D. Bennett of Angola, and Wendell W. Bennett of St. Paris, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry J. Bennett Jr.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Program at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Marion G. Beckner**, 72, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Harold Dwayne Copp**, 77, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Columbia City United Methodist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Barton Huffman

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — Barton Jerry Huffman, 66, formerly of Angola, died Friday in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. Huffman was a construction worker for Commercial Buildings and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a lifelong member and past commander of the Angola post of the American Legion, as well as a lifelong member of the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Sept. 28, 1932, in Steuben County to Russell and Elsie M. (Lemmon) Huffman. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two brothers, Lloyd Huffman of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Harlan Huffman of Auburn.

His father preceded him in death in 1980. His first wife, Jean, died June 23, 1982, and his second wife, Arlene, died in 1984.

Friends may call Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

His funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with a military service by the Angola post of the American Legion.

Frank Molargik Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Frank J. Molargik Sr., 82, died Friday afternoon at his Kendallville residence.

Mr. Molargik was a local plumber for 47 years. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, and a past member of Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194.

He was born to Frank and Frances (Ludwig) Molargik in Ege on July 1, 1916.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; three sons, Frank (and wife, Mary Ann), Rick (and wife, Kathy) and Roger (and wife, Linda) all of Kendallville; two stepsons, Thomas Hawkins of Milton, Fla., and Richard Hawkins of Middlebury; three sisters, Theresa Lombardo (and husband, Doc) and Leonna Gibson (and husband, Lewis), both of Fort Wayne, and Alvina Molargik of Hudson; three brothers, Mike and Aloysius, both of Garrett, and Lawrence of Corunna; five grandchildren. four step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Juan Diego Urbina

KENDALLVILLE — Juan Diego Urbina, infant son of Umberto Urbina and Misty Bolen of Kendallville, died Thursday at 5:12 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving with his parents are his maternal grandmother, Sherrill Rosener, and stepgrandfather, Dean Rosener, both of Pleasant Lake; maternal grandfather Wayne Squires and stepgrandmother Amy Squires; and paternal grandparents Pedro and Guadelupe Rueda of Mexico.

Graveside services will be conducted Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with deacon Justo Donias officiating. There will be no calling.

Jack Cougill

KENDALLVILLE — Jack A. Cougill, 69, of Kendallville, died at 4 a.m. Friday in McCray Memorial Hospital, following an illness of one year.

He was born in Farmland Aug. 22, 1929, to James R. and Pauline (McGuire) Cougill. On Aug. 6, 1955, in Angola, he married Mary Ann Stefoff. She survives.

Mr. Cougill was a graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in science and industrial arts. He taught science and industrial arts in Farmland and Garrett schools for several years. Later he was an area building contractor for seven years and was the owner of Jemco Advertising Inc. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and Kendallville Elks 1194.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters and a son-in-law, Gwyn and Dr. Robert Jansen of St. Johns, Mich., Lisa Charles of Kendallville, and Angela Baker of Grand Ledge, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Mya Cougill of Kendallville; a brother, David C. Cougill of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; and six grandchildren, Ashley Dodson and Breanna Baker, both of Grand Ledge, and Kaitlin Jansen and Kyle Jansen, both of St. Johns, Josh Patel and Brandon Patel, both of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or McCray Home Health and Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — **Pard Handshoe**, 70, died Friday at 7:25 p.m. at his sister's residence in LaOtto. Funeral service arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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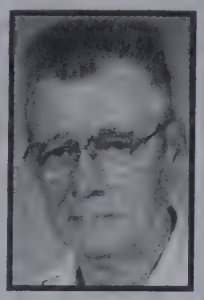
Deaths/Funerals

Everett Morris

BUTLER — Everett "Harold" Morris, 64, died Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.


Morris

He served in the U.S. Army for 26 years, retiring in August 1978. He was an operations superintendent for the city of Indianapolis from 1978-1980.

He moved to Butler in 1980 and worked as a maintenance superintendent for Meadowhaven Nursing Home in Butler. He was the head custodian for the DeKalb Eastern school district in 1990. He enjoyed golf and woodworking.

Mr. Morris was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, AARP, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the U.S. Soldier Association. He was a former Butler Lions Club member.

He received six Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal with Oakleaf Clister, European Occupational Medal, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign Medal with four Campaign Knots, Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in the Republic of Vietnam, Republic of Vietnam Presidential Award for Valor, Presidential Unit Citation, Noncommissioned Officers Academy Leadership Award and Expert Marksman Award.

He was born Sept. 15, 1934, in Saxman, W.Va., to the late Robert Alexander and Eva Lucilla (Coleman) Morris.

He married Mary E. Gobel on June 8, 1957, in South Charleston, W.Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Eva Keeney (and husband, Ken) of Danville, Carrie Morris of Danville, Sunida Kirkpatrick (and husband, Tony) of Butler, and Toni Webb (and husband, Trevor) of Auburn; four sisters, Faye Jean Mattox, Wanda Midkiff Smith, Sondra Watson and Linda Marks; his mother-in-law, Ellen Gobel of Auburn; and 11 grandchildren, Jonah Webb; Darian, Joshua and Chelsy Kirkpatrick; Whitney, Natalle, Jimmy and Kristen McGonigal; and Miranda, Callista and Grant Keeney.

One brother, Wetzel, preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 11 a.m. Joe and Wanda Smith will officiate, with burial to follow in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Harmony Missionary.

James Anglin

ANGOLA — James W. Anglin, 54, of Angola, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Anglin was self-employed and the founder of Angola Sales and Service of Fort Wayne; TFC Canopy Co. in Ashley; Illuminated Image in Angola; and the Channel Pub on Lake James.

He was born Feb. 6, 1945, in Fort Wayne to the late Wendell H. and Genevieve (Eby) Anglin.

Surviving are a daughter, Shelly Anglin of Angola; a brother, David L. Anglin of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Burgan of Glen Arbor, Mich.; and a companion, Bobbi Putnam of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a son, Todd Anglin.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with Pastor Joe Everly officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Breeden YMCA and Learning Center.

(Editor's note: The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.)

Frank J. Molargik Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Frank J. Molargik Sr., 82, died Friday evening at his home in Kendallville.

He was born in Ege July 1, 1916, to Frank and Frances (Ludwig) Molargik. In May 1947, he married Neoma Hawkins, who preceded him in death May 8, 1979. He then married Ruth Cogan on Nov. 15, 1980, and she survives.

Molargik

Mr. Molargik was owner of Molargik Plumbing and Heating for 47 years. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, and a past member of Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194.

Surviving with his wife are three sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Mary Ann Molargik Jr., Rick and Kathy Molargik and Roger and Linda Molargik, all of Kendallville; two stepsons, Thomas Hawkins of Milton, Fla., and Richard Hawkins of Middlebury; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Theresa and Doc Lombardo and Leona and Lewis Gibson, all of Fort Wayne, and Alvina Molargik of Hudson; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Mary Molargik and Aloysius and Marilyn Molargik, all of Garrett, and Lawrence and Regina Molargik of Corunna; five grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

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Lavon Heisler

EDGERTON, Ohio — Lavon J. Heisler, 91, of Edgerton, died early Sunday in his home.

Mr. Heisler retired from the New York Central and Penn Central railroad systems with 46 years of service. He served 20 years as an Edgerton Village Councilman. He was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men, and a life member of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees railroad union.

He was born Aug. 22, 1907, in Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to Arthur and Edith L. (Ensign) Heisler. He married Esther T. Beerbower on May 28, 1937 in Edgerton. She preceded him in death on May 13, 1986.

He is survived by a daughter, Judy Ludwig of Edgerton; one son and daughter-in law, Nelson and Betty Heisler of Auburn; two sisters, Pauline Mast of Edgerton and Lucille (Mrs. George) Daugherty of Belle Center, Ohio; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Velma Mast.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kevin Orr officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Edgerton United Methodist Church or the Edgerton Emergency Medical Technicians Association.

Mary Timmerman

BUTLER — Mary Ethel Likes Timmerman, 90, died Saturday at 10:30 p.m. in her Butler home.

She worked at Magnavox Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1960.

She was born Sept. 27, 1908, in Monticello, Ind., to the late Harvey and Nellie (Lawson) Lindley.

Two husbands, Cecil Likes and Charles "Jake" Timmerman, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, DeWayne Likes of Butler; five daughters, Virginia Congleton of Fort Wayne, Kathryn Wetosky of New Haven, Juanita Baughman of Angola, Barbara Savage of Auburn and Carrol Schuchart of Antwerp, Ohio; 23 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

One grandson, two brothers, and one sister preceded her in death.

A private funeral service will be held today in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Frank Borton

FORT WAYNE — Frank W. Borton, 71, died Saturday in Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana.

Born in Markle, he retired in 1988 as apartment manager of Carriage House Apartments.

Surviving are four daughters, Diana Kuehl of Mobile, Iowa, Mildred Franklin of Auburn, Francine Winters of LaGrange and Kay Martinez of Fort Wayne; a son, Daniel Borton of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Borton of Huntington; 17 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, in 1993, and a son, James.

No services are planned.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Roal Shepler Jr.

OTTAWA, OHIO — Roal E. Shepler Jr., 70, died Friday at the Putnam County Ambulatory Care Center in Ottawa, Ohio.

Mr. Shepler retired in 1989 after 23 years as a supervisor with Moen of Garrett. He was a former long-distance truck driver. A graduate of Crane Tech High School in Chicago, he attended Bowling Green State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born April 27, 1929, in Chicago to Roal Shepler Sr. and Mildred (Burnett) Shepler.

On Dec. 28, 1951, he married Alice Sammetinger, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Roal Shepler III (and wife Denise) of Findlay, Ohio, and Jeffrey Shepler of Edgerton, Ohio; two daughters, Lori Winne (and husband, Bruce) of Erie, Mich., and Sharon Common of Northville, Mich.; one brother, Richard Shepler of Florida; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the Love Funeral Home in Ottawa.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home with the Rev. Todd Petty officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Memorial donation may be made to Putnam County Home Health and Bridge Home Health.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara Dobbs**, 40, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Calvary Lutheran Church, Indianapolis.

KENDALLVILLE — **Helen G. Flickinger**, 94, died Saturday. Services were today in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ernest Kammerer**, 70, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Prudence E. Gardner**, 53, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sparta United Church of Christ, Kimmell. Calling 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lenora L. Walker**, 77, died Thursday. Services were Saturday in Columbia

Deaths/Funerals

Juan Urbina

KENDALLVILLE — Juan Diego Urbina died Thursday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he was born Thursday at 4:54 a.m.

He was the son of Humberto and Misty (Bolen) Urbina of Kendallville.

Also surviving him are a twin, Dion Humberto Urbina; a brother, Devin; and grandparents Sherrill Rosener of Kendallville, Dean Rosener of Pleasant Lake, Pedro Urbina and Guadalupe Rueda, both of Mexico, and Wayne and Amy Squires.

Graveside services were conducted Monday in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn. Arrangements were made by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Rolene Waters

FREMONT — Rolene M. Waters, 81, of rural Fremont, died Sunday at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater, Mich., after an extended illness.

Mrs. Walters had been a waitress in Fremont several years ago and also was a homemaker. She was a member of Stokes Chapel and had been active in the Ladies Aid Society of the church.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis of Coldwater and William of Montgomery, Mich.; three sisters, Harriett Peer of Coldwater, Marjorie Dexter (and husband, Jess) of Coldwater, and Alice Herrick of Goose Creek, S.C.; a brother, George Lobdell of Interlochen, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, in 1986.

Friends may call from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with Pastor Larry Rubingh officiating. Burial will be in California Township Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

David White

FREMONT — David White, 47, of Jimmerson Lake, died Sunday at his residence.

Mr. White had been a technician for GTE.

He was born Nov. 11, 1951, in Fort Wayne to the late David A. and Esther (Baker) White.

Surviving are a son, Jonathon of Larwill; a brother, Edward (and wife, Glenna) of Fishers; a sister, Doria Walker (and husband, David) of Deland, Fla.; six nephews, one niece, and a special friend, Cindy Barnes.

Friends may call Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. David Walker officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Walter A. "Buck" Lydy**, 83, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in St. John Lutheran Church, Lake Township. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

SYRACUSE — **Karen Ann Jennings**, 54, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Martin dePorees Catholic Church, Syracuse. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

June 8

Arletta E. "Scotty" Walker

Avilla — 1919-1999

Arletta E. "Scotty" Walker, 79, of Avilla and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, June 7, 1999, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

The Ladysmith, Wis., native had resided in Avilla for 17 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Newton of Huntertown; a son, Jerry of Fort Wayne; brothers Floyd and Cletus Scott, both of Auburn; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Salvation Army.

Information provided by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, 1-219-897-3411.

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Deaths/Funerals

Richard McIntosh

WATERLOO — A memorial service for Richard L. "Mac" McIntosh will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Mr. McIntosh died Dec. 10 at Middleton Village in Madison, Wis.

Saturday's service is intended for relatives who were unable to attend a Dec. 21 service in Madison. Any friends who knew Mr. Madison are invited to join in a tribute to his life.

Harold Harkenrider

NEW HAVEN — Harold Harkenrider, 90, died Monday at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven.

Mr. Harkenrider retired in 1975 after 31 1/2 years as an inspector for Fruehauf Corp. He had lived in New Haven since 1942. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society in New Haven.

He was born Nov. 3, 1908, in Yoder.

Surviving him are his wife, Veronica Harkenrider of New Haven; three daughters, Joan E. Wolff of Auburn, Joyce Martin of New Haven, and Janice Krusen of Fort Wayne; three sons, Delmar of Detroit, Mich., Gerald of Springfield, Ohio, and Robert of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. A rosary service will be recited today at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Prayers will be said Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church. Burial will take place in St. John Catholic Cemetery in New Haven.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church or televised Masses.

Kerri Hopkins

BUTLER — Infant Kerri Jade Hopkins died Monday at 1:29 p.m. at her birth in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Surviving are her parents, Trudy Lee Harrison of Butler and Christopher P. Hopkins, also of Butler; her maternal grandparents, Juanita Harrison of Hamilton and Jerry Kinder of California; her paternal grandparents, Arlin and Marjorie Leach of Butler; two half-brothers, R.J. Goble Jr. of Ashley and C.J. DeLong of Avilla; four aunts, Corinne Wright, Judy Ordway and Lisa Richmond, all of Butler, and Lana Talley of Sturgis, S.D.; and two uncles, Allen Wright and Tim Hopkins, both of Butler.

Her funeral service will take place Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Butler Cemetery. There will be no calling.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Leona DePue

AUBURN — Leona M. DePue, 81, died late Tuesday evening at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and former clerk at Krieger Department Store in Buchanan, Mich.

She was born Jan. 5, 1918, in Weesaw Township, Mich.

She married Guy W. DePue on Dec. 7, 1946, in New Troy, Mich. He died March 23, 1983.

Surviving her are one daughter, Patricia Straub of Auburn; three sons, Carson Gancer of Battle Creek, Mich., Robert DePue of Galien, Mich., and Jim DePue of Greenville, S.C.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in Swem Funeral Home, Buchanan, Mich., with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will take place in Oak Ridge Cemetery at Buchanan.

Ronald Pfister

AUBURN — Ronald A. "Potts" Pfister, 75, died Wednesday at 7:27 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Pfister worked for Messenger Corp. from 1946 to 1987, when he retired. He lived in Auburn and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, and the Auburn Moose and Elks lodges.

He was born May 8, 1924, in DeKalb County to the late Frank and Rosanna (Castret) Pfister.

He married Charlotte Timberlin on Dec. 26, 1965, in the Auburn Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Eric Hons (and wife, Sara) of Auburn; one sister, Garnet Spice (and husband, Russell) of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Jessica and Ian Hons.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Nanie Polly

LAGRANGE — Nanie Polly, 83, of LaGrange, died at 3 p.m. Wednesday in her residence.

She was born in Pinetop, Ky., on July 8, 1915, to Ambrose and Mirinda (Gayheart) Amburgey. On Dec. 29, 1929, in Hindman, Ky., she married Clark Polly. He preceded her in death Aug. 14, 1979.

Mrs. Polly had moved to this area 40 years ago from Pinetop and had lived at her present residence the past five years. She was employed by Emma Products, a division of Starcraft, and was a homemaker.

Surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Rinda and Ergle Calhoun of Howe, Abbie Potee of Constantine, Mich., and Dallas and Gene Skaggs and Helen and Glenn Kessler, all of Kendallville, Patty McCarty of Elkhart and Betty and Richard Conley of Angola; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Joe and Eva Polly of Wolcottville, Clark Jr. and Donna Polly of Three Rivers, Mich., James and Clara Polly of Topeka, Larry Polly of Rome City, and Dean and Sue Polly of Fort Wayne; 46 grandchildren; and 58 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by seven sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Church of the True God, South Milford, with the Rev. Sam Sawyer , the Rev. Jesse Messer and the Rev. Gene Suffridge officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-7 p.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with evening services at 7 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 800 S. Detroit, LaGrange 46761.

C. Wayne Wright

PORTLAND — Graveside memorial services for C. Wayne Wright, 75, of Snow Lake in Steuben County, who died Nov. 28, 1997, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Green Park Cemetery, Portland, with the Rev. Jim Huey officiating. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 211 Portland.

He is survived by his wife, Mary "Mindy" Wright of Kendallville three sons; a daughter; a stepson Robert P. Wolford of Kendallville a stepdaughter; seven grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Deaths/Funerals

Raymond Wadsworth

ANGOLA — Raymond W. Wadsworth, 98, of Angola, died Thursday at Life Care Services in LaGrange.

Mr. Wadsworth was retired from Colaff's in Fort Wayne. A World War I Army veteran, he belonged to the LaGrange post of the American Legion and attended the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.

He was born Sept. 20, 1900, in Townsend Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, to the late Charles R. and Estella (Dalzella) Wadsworth. His wife, Berdena, and one stepson, William McKale, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Lyle Wadsworth of Evansville; a stepdaughter, Frances Clouse of Angola; two stepbrothers, Kenny of Sturgis, Mich., and Hasell of Niles, Mich.; one stepsister, Natalie Burt of Chattahoochee, Fla.; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Graveside funeral and military services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Osborn Cemetery at LaGrange. The Rev. Bill Sawyer will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Independent Baptist Church of South Milford and the Steuben County Council on Aging.

The Evening Star, Sat., June 12, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Emil Dose

AUBURN — Emil H. Dose, 95, died Friday at 2:09 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Dose was a painter at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 17 years, retiring in 1960. He lived on County Road 50 in rural Auburn, for 31 years and was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He was born Sept. 3, 1903, in Kiel, Germany, to the late John and Anna (Kerchen) Dose.

He married Madeline M. Gael on Sept., 27, 1936, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Arnold (and wife, Velda) of Big Otter Lake, Fremont; two grandchildren, Karen Wrogeman (and husband, Craig) of Lake George, and Ronald Dose of Fort Wayne; one great-grandchild, Phillip Wrogeman of Lake George; and a niece, Helga Schultz (and husband, Guenter) of Hamburg, Germany.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Lois Harrold

CHURUBUSCO — Lois Harrold, 95, of Churubusco, died Thursday at his residence.

Mrs. Harrold was born Nov. 29, 1903, in Garrett to A. M. and Letta (McGuire) Geiger. On May 28, 1924, she married Murray Harrold in Whitley County. He preceded her in death.

She lived in the area her entire life. She was owner and operator of Harrold's Landing at Blue Lake for 74 years. She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two daughters, Phyllis A. Anderson and Barbara L. Pearson, both of Churubusco; one sister, Marjorie Weinbrenner of Albion; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Murray Eugene, and a sister, Leah Gallager.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. An Eastern Star service will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Bill Claxton officiating. Burial will be at the Eel River Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care of Whitley County.

Ina 'Oliver' Wagner

AUBURN — Ina "Olive" Wagner, 96, died at 7 p.m. Friday at Bet Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Wagner was a school teacher in public schools for 50 years teaching in the one-room school house at Tamarack, the Hamilto school system and school system in Michigan. After she retired i 1971, she continued private tutorin for 15 years. She was a member o Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority an of the Jerusalem United Methodis Church in Butler, where sh belonged to the United Methodis Women.

She was born April 30, 1903, i DeKalb County to the late Davi and Mildred (Fee) Gurtner. Sh married Paul Wagner, who preceded her in death in 1961.

She is survived by a son, Dal Wagner of Auburn; two granddaughters, Tonia Wagner and Kell Day; and one great-granddaughter Camille Day.

In addition to her husband, sh was preceded in death by tw brothers, John and Bruce, and tw sisters, Mable and Etta Gurtner.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Hom in Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be hel Monday at 11 a.m. at the funera home. Burial will take place at th Hamilton Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to th Heimach Center in Auburn.

Deaths/Funerals

Arthur Olds

AUBURN — Arthur G. Olds, 91, died Saturday at 3:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Olds retired in 1971 with 29 years as a supervisor at Dana Corp. in Auburn. He had lived in Auburn since 1948 and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn.

He was a 1926 graduate of Allegan (Mich.) High School and attended South Bend Business College and Indiana University-Purdue University. He was a member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F.&A.M., Northeast Indiana Amateur Radio Club, and the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He was a member of Order of the Eastern Star 103 in Auburn, where he was a past worthy patron.

He was born May 25, 1908, in Stryker, Ohio, to the late John W. and Josephine K. (McDonald) Olds.

He married Ethel M. Pullen on Aug. 13, 1932, in Michigan, and she preceded him in death. He then married Kathryn L. Groscop on May 11, 1974, and she died March 2, 1992.

Surviving him are one son, Richard A. of Garrett; one granddaughter, Dawn M. Jarrett of Garrett; and two great-grandchildren, Justin and Kaitlyn Jarrett.

Two brothers, Norman and Robert, preceded him in death.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. DeKalb Lodge 214 will hold a service tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Richard Kraus and the Rev. Jeremy Russell will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Helene Notestine

LAGRANGE — Helene A. Notestine, 84, of rural LaGrange, died at her home Saturday.

She was born Feb. 3, 1915, in Salem Center, Steuben County, to S. Ray and Sabrina (Wisel) Teeters. On Oct. 16, 1937, in Goshen, she married Robert N. Notestine, who preceded her in death Aug. 28, 1988.

Mrs. Notestine had lived most of her life in Steuben and LaGrange counties. She was engaged in farming with her husband and had lived on the family farm 62 years. She attended Mongo United Methodist Church and was a member of the ladies aid of the church, Prairie Heights Grey Panthers and treasurer of the Springfield Township flower fund. She loved flowers, gardening, yard work and writing poetry.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Stanley Hunter of Owensboro, Ky., and Julia and Bruce Eagleson of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven R. and Sharon Notestine of Glencoe, Ky., and Stanley D. and Debra Notestine of LaGrange; seven grandchildren, Tammy Pemberton, Deana Spears, Roberta Knox, Rita Eagleson, Rodney Eagleson, Douglas Hunter and Sarah Notestine; and five great-grandchildren: Tassy Tomblin, D.J. Bailey, Cason Spears, Cayle Spears and Nannah Eagleson.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett and the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Ina 'Olive' Wagner

AUBURN — Ina "Olive" Wagner, 96, died Friday at 7 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Wagner was a teacher in public schools for 50 years, teaching in the one-room schoolhouse at Tamarack, the Hamilton school system and school systems in Michigan. After she retired in 1971, she continued private tutoring for 15 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Jerusalem United Methodist Church in Butler, where she belonged to the United Methodist Women.

She was born April 30, 1903, in DeKalb County to the late David and Mildred (Fee) Gurtner. She married Paul Wagner, who preceded her in death in 1961.

She is survived by a son, Dale Wagner of Auburn; two granddaughters, Tonia Wagner and Kelly Day; and one great-granddaughter, Camille Day.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Bruce, and two sisters, Mable and Etta Gurtner.

Her funeral service was held today at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial took place in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Heimach Center in Auburn.

Harmon Spake

BUTLER — Harmon E. Spake, 86, died Saturday at 2:45 p.m. in Wesley Healthcare Center, Auburn.

Mr. Spake worked in material control and purchasing at Hayes and Albion Corp. in Bryan, Ohio. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and lived in Butler.

He was born July 2, 1912, in Butler to the late Everett and Martha (Gingrich) Spake.

He married Louise Gill on Aug. 26, 1933, in Angola. She died May 4, 1984.

Surviving him are two sisters, Beulah Billings and Anna Lowe, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Lauren Spake, and one sister, Norma Miller.

A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Butler Cemetery, with Dr. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. There will be no calling.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Harold Getts

AUBURN — Harold V. Getts, 73, died Sunday at 2 a.m. in his home on West Fifth Street.

Mr. Getts worked at Garrett Products in Ashley for four years, retiring in 1992. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a lifetime member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He lived in Auburn for 15 years.

He was born April 7, 1926, in South Milford to the late Clinton and Mabel (Perkins) Getts. His wife, Irene, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one daughter, Joanne Roberts of Auburn; three brothers, Lloyd, Wilbur and Earl, all of Kendallville; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One sister, Dorothy Metzger, preceded him in death.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Quent Zimmerman officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with a military graveside service by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

John Tarter

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — John Tarter, 79, died June 7 at 12:35 p.m. in Provena Covenant Medical Center.

Mr. Tarter was a 1938 graduate of Auburn High School. He was a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union 159 for 50 years. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, attaining the rank of staff sergeant, and was awarded the Purple Heart. His interests included golf and woodworking.

He was born Feb. 20, 1920, in Champaign to the late Samuel Montgomery and Frances Catherine (Reed) Tarter.

He married Ida Mae Oliger on July 12, 1942, in St. Charles, Mo., and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Donna Brockman of Champaign; a son, Robert Tarter of Champaign; a sister, Betty Erwin of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Samuel Jr., and five sisters, Esther Tarter, Mae Grate, Marie Sherwood, Ruth Brown and Grace Phillips.

His funeral service was held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Owens Funeral Home in Champaign. Burial was in Grandview Memorial Gardens in Champaign.

Anna Hooker

FORT WAYNE — Anna Mae Hooker, 96, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Hooker was a homemaker and an avid golfer, playing golf until the age of 90. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

She was born April 26, 1903, in Chicago to the late Joseph and Winifred (Magee) Cahill.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Armstrong of Fort Wayne and Nancy Dusing of Yoder; seven grandchildren, including Matt Brown of Angola; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Archabold L. Hooker, in 1959, and a grandson, Anthony Brown.

Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

There will be no calling. Memorial donations may be made to Masses at the church.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Sarah A. Nissley**, 92, died Monday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Eash residence 2605S — 500W, Topeka, with calling there after 6 p.m. today and all day Wednesday.

ROME CITY — **DeDra Sue Holsinger Devroomen**, 22, died Sunday in Asheville, N.C. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Smith

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — Mary Alice Cole Smith, 53, of West Des Moines, died May 15 at Methodist Medical Hospital, West Des Moines.

She was born Jan. 21, 1946, in Angola to Hershel and Virginia (Rensch) Cole.

Smith

She had lived in West Des Moines for the past 23 years.

A graduate of Angola High School and Indiana University, she worked as a librarian in the West Des Moines Library.

She is survived by her mother, who resides in Leo, and a daughter, Katherine Cole Smith of West Des Moines.

A memorial service of music and worship is planned for 2 p.m. Sunday at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2420 N. Coliseum Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805, for breast cancer research.

Robert Kilgore

FREMONT — Robert G. Kilgore, 61, of Snow Lake, Fremont, died at 7:51 p.m. Tuesday in his residence. He had been ill since September 1998.

He was born in Cookeville, Tenn., May 21, 1938, to William and Willie (Jackson) Kilgore. His father preceded him in death. His mother and stepfather, Willie and Earl Page, survive in Grawn, Mich. He married Doris Lautzinhiser on Nov. 21, 1958, and she preceded him in death June 7, 1996. On July 26, 1997, in Kendallville, he married Doretta Robertson Meyer. She survives.

Mr. Kilgore, an automotive manufacturing engineer, worked for Magnalomanson in Farmington Hills, Mich. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 86, Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife, mother and stepfather are a daughter, Jennifer Kilgore of Paris, France; two sons, Douglas Kilgore of Garrett, and Timothy Kilgore of Farmington Hills, Mich.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Michael and Tracey Walton of Kendallville; and a sister, Mildred Ruth Kilgore of Chicago.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Joseph Newburry

ANGOLA — Joseph Francis Newburry, 49, of Angola, died June 9 at his Fox Lake Apartments residence.

Mr. Newburry was born Jan. 10, 1950, in Toledo, Ohio, to the late Walter William and Iona June (Gendron) Newburry.

Surviving are two sisters, Luella Young of Maumee, Ohio, and Fayette Streets of Toledo; and a brother, Rayburn Newburry of Chicago.

Memorial services were held at Fox Lake Apartments. Cremation was at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements were made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Thomas Parker

ANGOLA — Thomas E. "Lone Eagle" Parker, 65, died Monday at 7:59 p.m. in his Angola home.

Mr. Parker worked in the trucking industry for 35 years, retiring from Consolidated Freightways in 1995. He was a 25-year member of Angola Masonic Lodge 236, F.&A.M., and a member of the Mizpah Shriners. He was the business agent for Teamsters Union Local 414 from 1967 to 1977. He had lived at Silver Lake, Angola, since 1985, and was an avid fisherman and golfer.

He was born April 19, 1934, in Fort Wayne to the late Edward G. and Ester (Warner) Parker.

Surviving him are one son, Jeffrey Thomas Parker of Jimmerson Lake, Fremont; two daughters, Lisa Jean (Mrs. Keith) Blevins of Auburn and Lynette Joan Parker of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Bonnie Burley of Wolf Lake and Betty Schuhler of Stroh; and six grandchildren, Mandy Lee and Ryan Scott Roberts, Jacquelyn Marti, and Jessica Diane, Michael Thomas and Nicolas Jay Rian.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Masonic Lodge 236 will conduct a service Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Donald E. Meyers of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, officiating. Burial will take place in Parker Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family or to the American Heart Association.

Deaths/Funerals

James Dove

ASHLEY — James M. Dove, 81, of Ashley, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday in his home.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 4, 1917, to Ralph and Carolyn (Koon) Dove. On Aug. 28, 1943, in Metz, he married Jessie M. Campbell. She survives.

Dove

Mr. Dove, a retired process engineer for Dana Corp. in Auburn, retired in 1976 after 35 years. Following his retirement, he was a consultant for Dana in Mexico City, Mexico, and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Gerald Coler of Hudson, and Sally and Joe Noll of Ashley; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Teresa Dove of Ashley; a sister, Evelyn Teegardin of Auburn; two half-sisters, Lynn Taylor and Sandy Miller, both of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a half-brother, Dale Dove of Indianapolis; a stepbrother, David Robinson of Kalamazoo; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry, and a granddaughter, Tracy Ann.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Dean Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Metz.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb County Home Health Care.

Leona Pritchard

ANGOLA — Leona B. Pritchard, 88, of Angola and formerly of Frankfort, died Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in Angola.

Mrs. Pritchard moved from Frankfort to Angola in 1989. She worked at the Frankfort License Branch from 1960-67.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Business and Professional Women, the Kyger PTA, the Women of the Moose, and the First Presbyterian Church, all of Frankfort. She had been active in the Democratic Party while in Frankfort.

She was born Oct. 14, 1910, in Shelbyville, Ark., to the late Ira John and Lula Bell (Rude) Dugan.

On Jan. 4, 1944, she married Ernest Pritchard, who preceded her in death on June 11, 1977.

Surviving are a son, Ernest Eugene Pritchard of Pinellas Park, Fla.; three daughters, Jane (Mrs. Bob) Osterholt of Angola, Martha Lynch of Fremont, and Mary Lou Reed of Fremont; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Frye and Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with Bishop E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Whiteman Cemetery, Michigantown, Ind.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Jim Golding**, 70, died Tuesday No services or calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Richard M. Ray**, 60, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Georgia C. Coverstone**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Phyllis Joan Hubartt**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Tri-Lakes Baptist Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and an hour before services at the church on Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruth Dietsch

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Ruth D. Dietsch, 93, died today in Harborside Healthcare of Northwest Ohio in Bryan, Ohio, following a lingering illness.

She was a former Auburn resident and had lived in Montpelier since 1944. She was a member of the Montpelier Church of Christ, where she was a Sunday School teacher for many years. She was active in the development of the Williams County Senior Center in Montpelier.

She was born Aug. 10, 1905, in Sharon, Kan., to the late Katherine (Stebing) and Frank H. Daum.

She married George G. Dietsch on July 20, 1935, and he died May 14, 1974.

Surviving are two sons, Frank and David, both of Montpelier; two daughters, Eileen McDaniel of Gaffney, S.C., and Sue Garrett of Knoxville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Ruby Sheets; a grandson, Daniel Dietsch; and a brother, George Daum.

Friends may call Sunday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at noon (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with minister J.D. Hite officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Williams County Senior Center or the Montpelier Church of Christ.

Mary Ruth Fuller-Mewes

BUTLER — Mary Ruth Fuller-Mewes, 94, died Wednesday at her home in Winter Springs, Fla..

She was a retired school teacher and had lived in Winter Springs for 38 years. She was a graduate of Indiana University and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society. She was a member of Sanlando United Methodist Church.

She was born June 29, 1904, in Wilmington Township, near Butler in DeKalb County, to the late Ellsworth and Etta I. (Metcalf) Eakright.

She married George T. Fuller on June 29, 1929, in Butler, and he died April 4, 1971. She then married Henry Mewes on March 6, 1974, and he died April 12, 1989.

Surviving her are four nieces, Mable Fuller, Marcella Fuller and Wilma Hoffer, all of Butler, and Doris Franks of Maumee, Ohio; two nephews, Hillis R. Fetter of Casselberry, Fla., and Jack Franks of Sylvania, Ohio; and a daughter-in-law, Alice Mewes of Longwood, Fla.

A brother, William Eakright, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. Al Black of the County Line Church of God will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Helen Gossett

GARRETT — Helen M. Gossett, 85, of Garrett, died Thursday at 4:02 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gossett was a homemaker and a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett.

She was born Nov. 3, 1913, in Garrett, to the late Henry and Catherine (Bartels) Reusze. Her husband, Homer A. Gossett, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one sister-in-law, Kathleen Reusze of Corunna; one niece, Tonyua Hollis of Corunna, and her companion, Glen Geyer of Spencerville.

One brother, Arthur Reusze, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-6 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Gilbert Meseke will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Dallas Shepler

KENDALLVILLE — Dallas D. Shepler, 59, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday in McCray Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 1, 1939, to P. Dallas and Evelyn (Carpenter) Shepler. On March 28, 1962, in Rome City, he married Jill Harner. She survives.

Mr. Shepler was a factory laborer for General Electric Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1995. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Robyn and Eric Wirick of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, David D. and Karyn Shepler of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Deb Kirkpatrick of Effingham, S.C., and Cheryl Imes of Muncie; and four grandchildren, Trevor Wirick and Seth Wirick, both of Fremont, and Caitlin Shepler and Joshua Shepler, both of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

There will be no visitation.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Cloyteen Barrett**, 83, died Wednesday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in South Park Cemetery, Columbia City. No calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Dwight Koch

ST. JOE — Dwight E. Koch, 87 , died Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Hicksville (Ohio) Community Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Koch farmed his entire life. He graduated from Spencerville High School in 1932. He was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

He lived on County Road 68, on the farm where he was born May 16, 1912, to Martin and Martha (Johnson) Koch.

He married Margaret Mae Hill on Aug. 18, 1949, in Spencerville. She died Nov. 5, 1993.

He is survived by nieces and nephews. One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday after 3 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. Robert Knapp will officiate. Burial will take place in the Newville Cemetery.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Marley Miller**, 82, died Friday. The funeral service will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Also, a Legion Auxiliary service will be on Sunday at 6 p.m., with a Rosary at 7:45 p.m.

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Deaths/Funerals

Marsha Heller

AUBURN — Marsha A. Heller, 54, died Friday at 10:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Heller was a homemaker and lived on County Road 35, Auburn. She was a member of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Women of the Moose in Auburn and Auburn's American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary.

She was born July 9, 1944, in Auburn to Glen and Alice (Schwartz) Culbertson. Her father survives in Okeechobee, Fla.. Her mother preceded her in death.

She married James L. Heller on Aug. 19, 1961, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Mark of LaGrange; two daughters, Debra Casper of Auburn and Diana Dunkel of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Jenna and Kyle Casper; and three stepgrandchildren, Matece and Brody Duncan, and Stephanie Dunkel.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Vicar Mark Minnick officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Jackson Township Fire & Rescue.

Glenn Oberlin

BUTLER — Glenn D. Oberlin, 96, of Butler, died Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at The Cedars in Leo.

Mr. Oberlin retired from International Harvester after 42 years as a laborer there.

He was born May 24, 1903, in Hamilton to Richard and Ella (Brown) Oberlin.

In Hillsdale, Mich., on April 19, 1924, he married Geneva Hagerty, who survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Oberlin of Fort Wayne and Donald Oberlin of Lexington, Ky.; a daughter, Ellen Jean Bowen of Butler; 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Clayton and Floyd.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the H. E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to McCray Home Health Care and the Butler Fire Department.

James Warren

HAMILTON — James Albert Warren, 61, of Hamilton, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Warren was self-employed. He served in the U.S. Air Force, and was of the Catholic faith.

He was born May 21, 1938, in Rexville, Ohio, to the late Albert John Warren and Doris Jane (Vanek) Warren. His mother survives in Croswell, Mich.

On March 29, 1973, he married Karen Kay (Millhouse) Warren in Piqua, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving is a sister, Judy Robinson of Croswell, Mich.

He was preceded in death by one brother, David Warren.

Friends may call today from 2-7 p.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Debbye Graafsma officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to charities selected by the donors.

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Robert Stellhorn

CLEAR LAKE — Robert Stellhorn, 64, died Saturday morning at his Clear Lake home.

A former resident of Fort Wayne and Defiance, Ohio, Mr. Stellhorn retired as a certified public accountant and was a graduate of Valparaiso University.

He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and was a past president of the Defiance Optimist Club, the Clear Lake Association and the Defiance Chamber of Commerce. He was past treasurer of the Fort Wayne Jaycees and served on the Defiance Junior Achievement board. He also was a member of the Omega Masonic Lodge in Defiance, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine Temple, the Pokagon Shrine Club and Defiance Elks Lodge 147.

He was born May 23, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Nell (Rader) Stellhorn.

On Jan. 28, 1956, he married the former Jean-Ann Gerding, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael (and wife, Paula) of Angola, Jeffrey (and wife, Tina) of Defiance, and Steven; seven grandchildren; and a brother, William, of Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services weill begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Carl Satre officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Messiah Lutheran Church or Valparaiso University.

Lorene York

FORT WAYNE — Lorene York, 63, died Saturday at 2:50 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. York retired earlier this year as a geriatric technician at Golden Years Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. She enjoyed cooking and baking.

She was born Nov. 10, 1935, in Middlesboro, Ky., to the late Dillard and Florence Ethel (Wilson) Cannon.

She married Willard R. York in January 1955 in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, W. Jeff York of Louisville, Ky.; five daughters, Sheila Stephens of LaOtto, Betty York of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Teeresa Green of Kendallville, Renee Wood of Madison, Miss., and Michele McAfee of Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina; three brothers, Bill Cannon of Blountville, Tenn., Keith Vern Cannon of Oxford, Ga., and David Wayne Cannon of Waterloo; five sisters, Wanda Patterson of Waynedale, Charlotte Call of Ossian, Betsy Wadlinton of Michigan, Beverly Wilson of Johnson City, Tenn., and Sharon Cannon Thedorus of Sarasota, Fla.; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Gary R. Green of Northridge Baptist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Rodney Stairhime

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Rodney L. Stairhime, 57, of State Line Road, died at his home Saturday at 9 a.m. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Mr. Stairhime was born Oct. 28, 1941, in Allen County, Ind., to Delmar and Letha (Ruckman) Stairhime, who survive in Hicksville.

On Sept. 24, 1960, he married Diana Cottrell at Hicksville. She also survives.

He graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1959.

He was employed at Commercial Intertech Corp. at Hicksville, and also did construction work. He was a member of the Hicksville Masonic Lodge.

Surviving with his wife and parents are two daughters, Tami Hagerman and Lisa Levy, both of Hicksville; a son, Eric Stairhime of Hicksville; three brothers, Kenton, Norval and Lonnie, all of Hicksville; two sisters, Karen Kokovay of Fort Wayne and Sue Taylor of Hicksville; six grandsons and two stepgrandsons.

Friends may call at the Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville today after 1 p.m. and Tuesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times).

Funeral services will be conducted in the funeral home Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) with the Rev. Dana Ballinger officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery in Allen County, Indiana.

Memorial donations may be made to the Defiance County Hospice Program.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Richard Carl Atz**, 70, died at 4:17 a.m. Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **T. Wayne Johnson**, 78, died Saturday. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Shirley A. Asa**, 66, died Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marjorie Doreen Clifton**, 79, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Retta Fern Heintzelman**, 97, died Saturday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday in South Park Cemetery, Columbia City. Private calling.

SYRACUSE — **Mary Lou Lambert**, 60, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

KIMMELL — **Grace A. Coverstone Buckles**, 86, died at 8:25 a.m. Sunday. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Ormas Baptist Church with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Lela Schwartz

AUBURN — Lela I. Schwartz, 90, died Monday at noon in her home on East Ninth Street in Auburn.

She worked at the Postal Card Co. in Auburn from 1924 to 1931, then was a self-employed seamstress until her death. She was a Red Cross volunteer during World War II.

She was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church, in rural Auburn, and a former member of the Charm & Chatter Extension Homemakers Club. She was a former den mother for the Cub Scouts and a former Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Schwartz was born Aug. 9, 1908, in DeKalb County to the late Michael J. and Alice (Carnahan) Shoudel.

She married Clifton "Tib" Schwartz on Oct. 29, 1931, in Auburn. He died Oct. 27, 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Herbie (and wife, Sue) of Auburn and Dennis (and wife, Vickie) of Memphis, Tenn.; two daughters, Loretta Blevins (and husband, James) and Patsy Harris (and husband, Michael), both of Auburn; two brothers, Ora Shoudel of Milford, N.H., and Roy Shoudel of Leo; three sisters, Gladys Wilcoxson and Bertha Shoudel, both of Auburn, and Ruby Yoder of Huntertown; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Davey Lee Schwartz; one daughter, Norma Bowmar; and one sister, Neva Boyce.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Darwin Dunten officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Youth For Christ or to the church.

Edward Bryan

ANGOLA — Edward F. Bryan, 58, of Angola, died Saturday at his home.

Mr. Bryan worked as a precision lathe grinder at Western Consolidated Technologies, Fremont.

He was born March 17, 1941, in Tecumseh, Mich., to the late Roger and Donna (Saffell) Bryan.

On March 23, 1973, he married G. Louise Bryan, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Shannon Marie Lowe of Fort Wayne, and Erin P. Bryan of Angola; a foster son, Michael J. Stocker of Angola; two foster daughters, Karla J. Roebel and Billie J. Davis, both of Angola; four brothers, Norman Bryan of Milan, Mich., Lyle Cubberly of O'Fallon, Ill., Fred Cubberly of Battle Creek, Mich., and Dean Cubberly of Tecumseh, Ill.; four sisters, Barbara Hiser of Sarasota, Fla., Sally Beckstien of South Lyons, Mich., Susan West of Hamilton, and Jackie Hamilton of Arlington, Texas; five grandchildren, two foster grandchildren and 20 nieces and nephews.

Calling continues tonight from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross and the Angola Little League.

Eleanor Hauser

AUBURN — Eleanor M. Hauser, 77, died Saturday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born March 12, 1922, in New York, N.Y.

Surviving are her husband, Walter; one son, Raymond, of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Carol Wire of Northport, Mich.; and one brother, John Raabe of Auburn.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens. There will be no calling.

Robert Stellhorn

CLEAR LAKE — Robert Stellhorn, 64, died Saturday morning at his Clear Lake home.

He was born May 23, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Nell (Rader) Stellhorn. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

On Jan. 28, 1956, he married the former Jean-Ann Gerding, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael (and wife, Paula) of Angola, Jeffrey (and wife, Tina) of Defiance, and Steven; seven grandchildren; and a brother, William, of Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Friends may call at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Carl Satre officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Messiah Lutheran Church or Valparaiso University.

D.W. Fraze

GARRETT — D.W. "Nick" Fraze, 94, died Saturday at 4 p.m. in Regency Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

He retired from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in 1970 with 40 years of service. He was raised in Kendallville and lived in Garrett. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Mr. Fraze was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the Eagles Lodge, all in Garrett. He was president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman & Engineers.

He was born Jan. 11, 1905, in Geneva to the late Samuel and Viola (Williamson) Fraze.

He married Grace Lash on June 28, 1930, in Kendallville. She died in February of this year.

Surviving him are two sons, Doug of Sebring, Fla., and Jan of West Otter Lake; one daughter, Nicci Korff of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Five brothers, James, Malcolm, Donald, Hugh and Charles, and one sister, Wyona, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church. There will be no calling.

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Agnes Gaetz

ASHLEY — Agnes L. Gaetz, 86, of Ashley, died at 2:20 p.m. Monday in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born in Waterloo, Sept. 23, 1912, to Frank and Louise (Dapp) Hoffelder. On Nov. 22, 1940, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, she married Joseph B. Gaetz. He preceded her in death Nov. 17, 1982.

Mrs. Gaetz had lived most of her life in Ashley where she and her husband owned and operated Joe's Place from 1936-66. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and its Rosary Society.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Nancy Gaetz of Ashley, and Daniel and Sandra Gaetz of Angola; a brother, John Hoffelder of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, Nicholas, Martin, Christopher, Douglas and Gregory Gaetz, Cheryl Ann Gremling and Daniel Gaetz Jr.; three stepgrandchildren, Tammy Shearer, Cheryle Gerig and Michelle Ewing; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenard officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before Mass on Thursday at the church. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Margaret A. Henke**, 89, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services.

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Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Glenn Joe Lambright**, 39, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Penix

FREMONT — Mary Elizabeth Penix, 82, of Fremont, died Wednesday at 7:22 a.m. in Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Penix worked as an inspector and machine operator at Dana Corp.'s Weatherhead Division for 28 years. She was a life member and past worthy matron for the Order of the Eastern Star, a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Women of the Moose.

She was born Sept. 9, 1916, in Angola to the late Ellis and Pearl (Williams) Wills.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Hermit Penix; two daughters, Lurene Calloway (and husband, George) of Bronson, Mich., and Patricia Walter (and husband, George) of Brighton, Mich.; a son, Larry Penix (and wife, Diane) of Angola; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Friends may call at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont Friday from 2-4:30 and 6-8 p.m., with a memorial service by The Eastern Star beginning at 7 p.m.

A funeral service will be conducted in the funeral home Saturday at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorial gifts may be given to the United Methodist Church at Nevada Mills.

Una Mae Brown

FREMONT — Una Mae Brown, 84, of Fremont, died at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Betty F. Gorsuch**, 74, died Tuesday. Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kimmell. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before Mass on Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lawrence R. Hesting**, 84, died Wednesday. Mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 1-5 and 6-9 p.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dennis L. Messmann**, 58, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marie J. Pence**, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 1-4 p.m. Friday and one hour before services on Saturday.

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Beatrice Viola Elliott

Fort Wayne — 1920-1999

Beatrice Viola Elliott, 79, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, June 20, 1999, at Saint Anne Home & Retirement Community.

The Celina, Ohio, native was a member of Huntington Eagles Lodge 823.

Surviving are a daughter, Roberta Reichter of Huntington; brothers Robert E. and Harry Jr., both of Garrett; sisters Deloras Combs of Hebron, Ky., and Gloria Gilbert of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, LaRue, two sisters and a brother.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Information provided by Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, 1-219-356-3320.

Deaths/Funerals

Pauline Moses

GARRETT — Pauline M. Moses, 93, died Thursday at 7:26 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moses was a homemaker and and resided in Garrett all her life. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She was born in Garrett on April 11, 1906, to James J. and Clara (Waterbeck) Dirr. Both parents are deceased.

She married Clifton F. Moses in Garrett on June 27, 1927. He died March 17, 1967.

Surviving are three daughters, Jeannene A. Lepard of Auburn, Janet A. Farrell of Huntington, Long Island, N.Y., and Jo Ellen Rissing of Kiawah Island, S.C.; one son, James C. Moses of Findlay, Ohio; three sisters, Marguerite Smith of Garrett, Amelia Heitzman of Dallas, and Barbara Johnston of Sebring, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and two great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Dirr, and a sister, Grace Brandenberg.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett and Monday from 10-11 a.m. (prior to the funeral service) at the church.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Una Mae Brown

FREMONT — Una Mae Brown, 84, of Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Elkhart, Sept. 16, 1914, to Donald and Myrtle (Selbey) Long. On March 31, 1935, she married Clyde Brown. He preceded her in death Feb. 15, 1968.

Mrs. Brown was a graduate of Central High School and International Business College, Fort Wayne. She retired after 16 years as secretary of Fort Wayne Community Schools. She moved to Lake James near Fremont 10 years ago from Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, a 50-year member of Star of the East OES Chapter 514, Fort Wayne, Steuben County Women's Club and Steuben County Extension Homemakers' Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Catherine) Johnson of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Renate Brown of Gallmersgarden, Germany; a sister, Mary Jane Altekruse of Detroit, Mich.; two grandchildren, Rob Dillman and Amy Johnson; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob Dillman and Eathan Dillman.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 300 Orland Road, Angola, with the Rev. Tom Smith officiating. Burial and private graveside services were held in Memorial Gardens.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or Memorial Gardens.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Lela Isenhower

FREMONT — Lela Pauline Isenhower, 77, of Fremont, died Wednesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Isenhower was a homemaker. She was born Feb. 9, 1922, in Celina, Ohio, to the late John Thomas and Laura Mable (James) Jett.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Sandra) Anstett of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, Gerald Lett of Angola and Chester Lett of Culver; and two grandchildren, Heather and Jeremy Anstett of Pleasant Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard S. Isenhower, on Jan. 22, 1968; two sisters, Violet Moore and Mildred Green; and four brothers, Clyde, Claud, Clarence "Butch," and Robert.

Friends may call Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Breeden YMCA and Learning Center, Angola.

Kenard Quince

GARRETT — Kenard H. Quince, 94, died June 7 at 3:30 a.m. in Neely Hospice House at Gilbert, Ariz.

Mr. Quince was a self-employed interior decorator and wallpaper hanger until 1986, when he retired at the age of 80. He lived in Mesa, Ariz., for 20 years.

He was born Jan. 7, 1905, in Auburn to the late George G. and Viona (Dariem) Quince.

Surviving him are his wife, Marge; a son, Harley Quince of Garrett; five granddaughters, Kathy Kelham, Theresa Charles, Debbie Wilson and Pam Debes, all of Garrett, and Alice Loutzenhiser of Auburn; 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Pauline Thomas, Amber Floyd and Georgiana Cole, preceded him in death.

Burial took place June 9 in Rest Haven Cemetery at Mesa.

A memorial service will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. William N. Hodge officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to Neely Hospice House, 487 W. Elliot Road, Gilbert AZ 85233.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Eloise McGuire**, 95, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

The Evening Star, Sat., June 26, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Michael Quance

ANGOLA — Michael J. Quance, 47, of Angola, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana in Fort Wayne.

An Indiana University graduate, Mr. Quance had lived in Angola since moving to the community from Bloomington in 1983. He belonged to the Pleasant View Church of Christ, the Angola Lions Club, the Builders Association of Northeastern Indiana and the Breeden YMCA.

He was born Dec. 2, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Raymond and Virginia (Hutker) Quance. On May 19, 1978, he married Judith Spoolstra.

He is survived by his parents, who reside in Fort Wayne; his wife, of Angola; two daughters, Vanessa and Amanda, both at home; two brothers, Dennis of Florida and Steven of Merrillan, Wis.; two sisters, Sue Dowling and Carol Ford, both of Fort Wayne; and his wife's parents, Bob and Marge Kolb of Angola.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating.

Memorial donations may be given to the Breeden YMCA and Learning Center.

(This obituary is published again to correct errors.)

Una Mae Brown

FREMONT — Una Mae Brown, 84, of Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Elkhart, Step. 26, 1914, to Donald and Myrtle (Selbey) Long. On March 31, 1935, she married Clyde Brown. He preceded her in death on Feb. 15, 1968.

Mrs. Brown was a graduate of Fort Wayne Central High School and attended International Business College in Fort Wayne for two years. She retired after 16 years as a secretary with the Fort Wayne Community Schools. She moved to Lake James from Fort Wayne 10 years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church, a 50-year member of the Star of the East Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star 514, Fort Wayne, Steuben County Women's Club and Steuben County Extension Homemaker's Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Renate Brown of Gallmersgarden, Germany; a daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Catherine Johnson of Fremont; a sister, Mary Jane Altekruse of Detroit, Mich.; two grandchildren, Rob Dillman and Amy Johnson; and two great grandchildren, Jacob and Eathan Dillman.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church, 2955 W. Orland Road, Angola, with the Rev. Tom Smith officiating.

Private family graveside services were held Friday at Greelawn Park Memorial Cemetery in Fort Wayne with the Rev. Smith officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church memorial gardens.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Robert Lee Gray**, 37, of Ligonier, died Thursday. Funeral services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Mon., June 28, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Viola Hamman

WATERLOO — Viola E. Hamman, 96, died at 12:30 a.m. today at her Waterloo home.

Mrs. Hamman was a homemaker and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, where she was a member of the Rosary Society, a study group and the mission sewing group.

She was born Feb. 25, 1903, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Adam and Emma (Norit) Royal, who preceded her in death.

On May 22, 1923, at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo, she married Lester Hamman. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She is survived by three sons, Raymond of Edgerton, Ohio, Don of Waterloo and Alvin of Eloy, Ariz.; a daughter, Josefa Williams of Glendale, Ore.; a sister, Agnes Welly of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David; a daughter, Mable; four brothers; and four sisters.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be to St. Michael's Church or to masses.

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Gladys Abbott

FREMONT — Gladys I. Abbott, 91, of Fremont, died Saturday at the Carlin Park Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Abbott was a homemaker who taught school early in her life. She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church and a life member of the Pythian Sisters.

She was born Oct. 21, 1907, in Fort Wayne to George and Edith (Webster) Beaver.

On July 4, 1929, in Ray, she married Russell Abbott, who preceded her in death in 1990.

She is survived by a daughter, Jean Crandall of Fremont; five grandchildren, Greg Crandall, Linda Banks, Sharon Sherfield, Vicki Collins, and Nancy Montgomery; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Joan Stafford; a brother, Paul Beaver; and a sister, Jane Korhonen.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in the Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial donation s may be given to the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Warren Sheets

INTERLOCHEN, Mich. — Warren J. Sheets, 75, died Friday in Oregon as he was returning from a trip to Alaska.

Mr. Sheets worked at Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, Mich., and Pottstown, Pa., until 1974, when he began a business manufacturing polystyrene products. After he retired in 1990, he lived at Tucson, Ariz., and Interlochen, Mich. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born Jan. 11, 1924, in Avilla to the late Harry and Mildred Sheets.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; two sons, Warren James of Wyncote, Pa., and Stephen of Grand Haven, Mich.; three daughters, Edie Wilson of Mount Horeb, Wis., Gloria Fritz of Pottstown, Pa., and Margaret Yeager of Elysberg, Pa.; and one sister, Rosemary Gerig of Auburn.

A memorial service will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Traverse City, Mich., Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Delos Kohl

AUBURN — Delos J. Kohl, 87, died Friday at 11 p.m. at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

A resident of Auburn, Mr. Kohl also owned a winter home in Tavares, Fla., for 24 years.

Mr. Kohl graduated from Waterloo High School in 1931. He was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and the New York Central Railroad. He worked as a machinist for Warner Gear Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1973 after 37 1/2 years of service. He owned and operated the Kohl General Store in Mooresville, east of Auburn, from 1949-1979.

Mr. Kohl was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and also had attended the Eustis Church of the Nazarene for several years.

He was born Oct. 6, 1911, in Fort Wayne to the late Charles and Jeanette (Rowlee) Cole.

On March 24, 1940, in Roanoke, he married Myrtle (Sockrider) Kohl. She survives in Auburn.

He is also survived by a daughter, Sheryl Dunn (and husband, Richard) of Waterloo; a son, David Kohl (and wife, Ruth) of Bushnell, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Michelle and Rebecca Kohl, Stephanie Broomhead, Debra Bates, Daren and David Blair and Ashlee Dunn; and five great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kimberly Blair, and Zachory, Brittany and Dillon Smith.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Jay and Roger Kohl, and two sisters, Hilda Moore and Leah Randolph.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

His funeral will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in the church, with the Rev. Rick Garman, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, 1314 Directors Row, Suite 206, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Louis Lemmon

HAMILTON — Louis Don Lemmon, 59, of Lane 221 B, Penn Park, Hamilton, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lemmon earned an associate degree from Indiana University and was an engineering administrator for ITT Industries, where he was employed for 38 years before retiring this year. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Skirts and Shirts Square Dance Club in Auburn and the Hamilton Lake Association. He was a Junior Achievement advisor for more than 15 years. He enjoyed playing golf.

He was born April 10, 1940, in Angola to the Clay Lincoln Lemmon and Mary Margaret (Huff) Lemmon Troyer, both now deceased.

In Poe on May 29, 1965, he married Janet Lynn (Kleinknight) Lemmon, who survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a son, Steve Lemmon of Auburn; two daughters, Beth Sepponen and Colleen Lemmon of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Norma Lemmon of Auburn; a son-in-law, Pete Sepponen of Fort Wayne; a brother, Jim Lemmon of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mrs. Ted (Sharon) Perna of Garland, Texas, Mrs. Bill (Linda) Lindeman of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Ralph (Lucie) Wilcoxson of Garrett; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Ammon David Troyer, and a half-sister, LuAnn Reade.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Interment will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hamilton United Methodist Church Junior Church or to the Grandchildren's Education Fund c/o the ITT Credit Union.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Omer F. Belcher**, 78, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services Tuesday.

TOPEKA — **Earl C. Raber** was stillborn Friday. Graveside services were Sunday in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Deaths/Funerals

DeLoss Crooks

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — DeLoss W. Crooks, 80, died Friday at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte.

Mr. Crooks was born in Auburn on Aug. 15, 1918, to Harry D. and Gladys M. (Barnhart) Crooks.

He was a tool-and-die maker with J.B. Tool and Engineering for 23 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of Christ Church at Georgetown and American Legion Post 47. He was a veteran of the Pacific Theater in World War Ii with the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Crooks of Port Charlotte; three sons, Dennis of New Albany, Steven of Indianapolis and Leroy of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Patricia Ladd of Gibsonburg, Ohio; a brother, Robert of Noblesville; and a sister, Glenyss Podrasky of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Jergens, and a brother, Donald.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the D. O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. American Legion Post 47 will conduct a military graveside service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Northeast Indiana Region.

Eugene Best Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Eugene H. Best Jr., 57, died Sunday at his home.

Mr. Best was born in Garrett. He was a service technician for Fleetwood Homes in Garrett for two years and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Surviving are his wife, Caryn; four sons, Eugene H. Best III, Anthony Best and Brian Gaunt, all of Fort Wayne, and Adam Gaunt of Gilbert, Ariz.; his father, Eugene H. Best Sr. of Albion; four sisters, Terisa Kreigh of North Webster, Barbara Dailey of Fort Wayne, Marilyne Mathieu of Antwerp, Ohio, and Nancy Smith of Crestwood, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Elzey and Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial with military rites will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fort Miami Young Marines in care of the Marine Corps League.

John Crone

ANGOLA — John D. Crone, 84, of Angola, died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Crone was self-employed and owned Crone Excavating. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born June 18, 1915, in Steuben County to the late Floyd L. and Irma (Parr) Crone.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Crone of Angola; a stepson, Phillip Eugene Blackstone of Schenectady, N.Y.; two daughters, Vickie Jeanne Nichols of Fort Wayne, and Donna Rose of Creve Coeur, Mo.; two sisters, Clela O'Malley of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Grace White of Woodland Hills, Calif.; a brother, Don Crone of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. Norman R. Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association's Memorial and Tributes Program, Chicago.

Lois Eakright

WABASH — Lois Arlene Eakright, 66, died Saturday at her home.

She was a Ligonier native and had worked for Wabash General Tire for 16 years.

Surviving are her husband, Wilbur Gene Eakright; three sons, Paul Eakright and Phillip Eakright, both of Wabash, and Jerry Eakright of Peru; one daughter, Dianna Roberts of Stevensville, Mont.; one sister, Mary Walters of Auburn; three brothers, Robert Lemon of Niles, Mich., Harold Walters of North Manchester and Carl Walters of Gaston; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1177 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with calling there from 2-8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in South Pleasant Cemetery of Wabash County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wabash First Church of God.

John Bickel

HUNTINGTON — John L. Bickel, 77 of Huntington, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

Mr. Bickel was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, a farmer and a welder. He retired from Fisher Engineering in 1986. He spent winters in Barefoot Bay, Fla., and was a member of the Tuesday and Thursday shuffleboard clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; two daughters, Kathleen Nichols of Spring, Texas, and Sharleen Sweeney of Laguna Beach, Calif.; a sister, Verna Mendenhall of Auburn; a brother, Dean Bickel of Andrews; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry.

His funeral was conducted at 10:30 a.m. today in St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Andrews. He was buried in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Arnold J. Wagner**, 76, died Thursday. No services or calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Omer F. Belcher**, 78, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services Tuesday.

TOPEKA — **Earl C. Raber** was stillborn Friday. Graveside services were Sunday in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Deaths/Funerals

Willard Boore

LAGRANGE — Willard Arthur Boore, 81, of LaGrange and formerly of Fremont, died Tuesday at 8 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mr. Boore was a farmer. He was born Aug. 18, 1917, in Fremont to the late Arthur J. and Edna L. (Newman) Boore.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma (Conway) Boore, at home; three daughters, Sue M. Davis (and husband, Robert) of Fremont, Mary A. Elliott of Fremont, and Jean E. Boore of LaGrange; a sister, Doris Nedele (and husband, Dale) of Angola; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Kenneth Redmann officiating.

Charles 'Dick' Strouse

GARRETT — Charles E. "Dick" Strouse, 86, of Wakarusa, died Monday at 7:20 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Strouse was a 1930 graduate of Garrett High School and served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He worked for Bendix in South Bend. He was a member of the American Legion and the Elks, and a former member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

He was born Aug. 5, 1912, in Garrett to William E. and Martha (Reader) Strouse. In 1949 he married Erma Hill, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Pamela Strouse, and two granddaughters, Lauren and Lindsey Strouse, all of Lafayette.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett, with the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were made by McKee-Miles Funeral Home of Garrett.

Delos Kohl

AUBURN — Delos J. Kohl, 87, died Friday at 11 p.m. at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

A resident of Auburn, Mr. Kohl also owned a winter home in Tavares, Fla., for 24 years.

Mr. Kohl graduated from Waterloo High School in 1931. He was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and the New York Central Railroad. He worked as a machinist for Warner Gear Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1973 after 37 1/2 years of service. He owned and operated the Kohl General Store in Mooresville, east of Auburn, from 1949-1964.

Mr. Kohl was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and also had attended the Eustis Church of the Nazarene for several years.

He was born Oct. 6, 1911, in Fort Wayne to the late Charles and Jeanette (Rowlee) Kohl.

On March 24, 1940, in Roanoke, he married Myrtle (Sockrider) Kohl. She survives in Auburn.

He is also survived by a daughter, Sheryl Dunn (and husband, Richard) of Waterloo; a son, David Kohl (and wife, Ruth) of Bushnell, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Michelle and Rebecca Kohl, Stephanie Broomhead, Debra Bates, Daren and David Blair and Ashlee Dunn; and five great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kimberly Blair, and Zachory and Brittany Blair, and Dillon Smith.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Jay and Roger Kohl, and two sisters, Hilda Moore and Leah Randolph.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

His funeral will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in the church, with the Rev. Rick Garman, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, 1314 Directors Row, Suite 206, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Area Deaths

NORTH MANCHESTER — **Lara M. Jordan**, 87, died June 22. Services were Saturday in Flora.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Luella C. Krill**, 87, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Keller

WEBSTER, Fla. — Marjorie Keller, 77 of Webster, Fla., died of natural causes Monday in Webster.

Mrs. Keller was a widowed homemaker. She was a resident of Fort Wayne until 1974, and lived in Wolcottville from 1974-1979. Formerly of Ocoee. Fla., she moved to Sumter County, Fla. in 1997.

Surviving are a son, Gary Herberger of Wolcottville; two daughters, Rebecca Reed of St. Joe, and Sandra Osborne of Webster, Fla.; a sister, Donna Virginia Wilson of Wolcottville; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling or funeral services.

Arrangements were made by the Purcell Funeral Home in Bushnell, Fla.

John Wolfe

ASHLEY — John E. Wolfe, 86, of Ashley, died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday in Oak Wood Nursing Home in New Castle.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Larry V. Juillerat**, 61, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Maxine E. Wilson**, 80, of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. (MST) Friday in Carr-Tenney Mortuary, Tempe, Fla., with additional memorial services pending in Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — **Howard E. Miller**, 67, died Wednesday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Delbert J. Weaver residence, 2410S — 00EW, LaGrange. Calling is after 5 p.m. today and all day Friday in the family residence.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Iolet Lovely**, 77, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and from 10 a.m. Friday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Lincoln Booth

ORLAND — Lincoln Booth, 81, of rural Orland, died Thursday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Booth was a member of the Orland Congregational Church, the Orland Masonic Lodge and the Orland Volunteer Fire Department. He had been a farmer and was the former owner of the Booth Poultry Farm and most recently operated the Booth Tree Farm.

He was born July 15, 1917, near Orland to Frederick P. and Helen (Lincoln) Booth.

On April 30, 1939, he married the former Lois Landis, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Alice Friend of Orland; a son, Bill (and wife, Bonnie) of Orland; a sister, Alice Elliott of Howe; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Frederick Booth.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the Orland Congregational Church with Pastor Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, south of Orland.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and Monday from 10 a.m. until service time at the church .

Memorial donations may be made to the church, the Orland Fire Department or the Orland Masonic Lodge.

John Wolfe

ASHLEY — John E. Wolfe, 86, of Ashley, died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday in Oakwood Nursing Home in New Castle.

He was born in Ashley, Sept. 24, 1912, to A.C. and Julia (Harbaugh) Wolfe. On June 7, 1936, in Maxwell, he married Mary A. Osbun. She preceded him in death Jan. 25.

Mr. Wolfe, a lifetime area resident of Ashley until moving to New Castle in 1998, was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a retired self-employed carpenter and had driven school bus for Ashley schools for many years. He attended Ashley United Methodist Church and had served on the Ashley Development Committee and the committee for the Ashley High School.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. David (Jean) Dilley of Hagerstown; a sister, Leota Niles of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Natalie Dilley, Mrs. John (Suzanne) Ellis and Troy and Judy Dilley; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor Dilley, Cori Dilley and Samuel Ellis.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lester, Keith and Arthur Wolfe; and a sister, Emma Shumaker.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Ashley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Joe C. Wyatt of Hagerstown United Methodist Church officiating. Military graveside rites will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Ashley United Methodist Church.

Lena Sperry

ORLAND — Lena L. Sperry, 97, of Orland, died Thursday at Life Care Center of LaGrange after an extended illness.

She was born Feb. 1, 1902, in Syracuse to the late James and Martha (Weaver) Bailey.

She married Clifford Sperry on Jan. 21, 1919. He preceded her in death in 1981. The couple lived their entire lives in Millgrove Township.

Surviving are three daughters, Merry Rowdabaugh (and husband, Earl) of Orland; Nancy Beck (and husband, Clarence) of Bronson, Mich., and Vada-Ann Whetstone (and husband, Jonathon) of Middlebury; three sons, Nelson (and wife, Ilarene) of Kinderhook, Mich., Noel (and wife, Alice) of LaGrange and Jack (and wife, Nancy) of Orland; a sister, Martha-Rose Beer of North Webster; 22 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Priscilla; a son, Dale; three brothers, three sisters and two great-grandsons.

Graveside services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Diane Stone officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Larry V. Juillerat**, 61, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 A.m. Saturday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ralph Joseph Hinen**, 70, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Roanoke. Calling 2-4 and 6-8:30 p.m. today in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Irene Molargik

FORT WAYNE - Irene M. Molargik, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at Parkview Hospital.

A homemaker, Mrs. Molargik enjoyed collecting antiques and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was born in Cleveland. Her husband, Vern, four sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Allen of Fort Wayne; a son, Dennis Molargik of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Nichols of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Molargik also had many relatives from the Avilla, Churubusco, Kendallville and Garrett areas.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home at 1320 E. Dupont Road, and one hour before a mass of Christian burial at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road.

The times for the mass and for a vigil service Monday at the funeral home are pending.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be given to the family.

Michael Burns

LIVINGSTON, Mich. — Michael J. Burns, 48, of Livingston, Mich., died Thursday.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie (Baker) Burns, formerly of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Robert Cousins; two grandsons, Joshua and Cameron; his parents, Raymond and Henrietta Burns; a brother, Alan Burns; and a sister, Patti Little.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mike Burns Fund, Children of the Americas, 1890 Lyda Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Martha Ledford**, 62, of Kendallville, died Friday at 1:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Her husband, Garrett Ledford, preceded her in death Thursday. Calling today from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Service Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Garrett G. Ledford**, 76, died Thursday at 9:15 p.m. in his Kendallville home. His wife, Martha, died Friday in Parkview Memorial Hospital. Calling today from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Service Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Joseph Albertson

BUTLER — Joseph A. Albertson, 60, of Butler, died Sunday at 2:45 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Albertson was an area resident for many years and a retired laborer for Ayr-Way Manufacturing in Waterloo. He served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1964.

He was born Jan. 9, 1939, in Butler to Charles F. and Edna (Slentz) Albertson, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by a brother, James Albertson of Butler; and three sisters, Ruth Groff of Ashley, Betty Zehr of Butler, and Anna Doty of Montpelier, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Billy, of Edgerton, Ohio.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Charles Witt officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Wilson DeLong

ANGOLA — Wilson R. "Bob" DeLong, 60, of Angola, died Sunday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. DeLong was a self-employed truck driver and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Feb. 1, 1939, in Ashley to the late Glenn and Daisy (Landers) DeLong.

On Nov. 19, 1983, he married Judy Schieber, who survives him.

Also surviving are two sons, Leroy DeLong of Angola, and Foster Creager Jr. of Bronson, Mich.; a daughter, Norene Keller (and husband, David) of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, Bud DeLong of Angola and Jack Harding of Pioneer, Ohio; a sister, Bonita Richmond of Angola; and one granddaughter, Anna Keller.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

Graveside services will begin Saturday at 2 p.m. in Flint Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Dillard officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Ross Knipp

HOLGATE, Ohio — Ross R. Knipp, 67, of Holgate, Ohio, died Wednesday at the Henry County Hospital in Napoleon, Ohio.

Mr. Knipp worked for many years at the Campbell Soup Co. in Napoleon. He was a member of the Holgate United Methodist Church, where he was a former church trustee.

He was born in Henry County on Feb. 9, 1932. to William and Clara (Rettig) Knipp.

On Feb. 26, 1955 he married Carmen Reed, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Julie Ann Sonnenberg of Garrett; a son, Steven of Archbold, Ohio; a son-in-law, Gene Sonnenberg of Garrett; a brother, Leroy of Defiance, Ohio; a sister, Ruth Bostelman of Holgate; and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were four brothers, Orrin, Labon, Claire and an infant; and two sisters, Jeanne Knipp and Wilma Horstman.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at the Holgate United Methodist Church with the Rev. Deb Berry officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Hope School, the Special Olympics, or the church.

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Hershel Huelsenbeck

AVILLA — Hershel G. Huelsenbeck, 79, of Avilla, died at 12:25 a.m. Saturday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Dec. 16, 1919, in Allen Township, Noble County, to Edward and Bessie (Rauh) Huelsenbeck. On Nov. 23, 1942, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Freda Teders. She preceded him in death June 22, 1997.

Mr. Huelsenbeck, a lifetime Avilla area resident, was retired from Abshire Oil Co. of J.R. Stonebraker Mobil Service, Kendallville, and was currently employed by Community State Bank in Avilla.

He was the largest blood donor for the American Red Cross bloodmobiles in Noble County. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Parish Council in Avilla, member and past commander of American Legion Post 240, a life member of VFW Post 2749, Lifetime 36, Division Association, a lifetime member of Midwest 36th Chapter Division; Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Council 7839; and a caucus member for the East Noble School Corp.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janice M. and Bill Sobieski of Garrett; five sons and four daughters-in-law, John and Sally Huelsenbeck, Gary Huelsenbeck, Tim and Lena Huelsenbeck, all of Avilla, Kevin and Theresa Huelsenbeck of Garrett, and Lynn and Mari Huelsenbeck of Churubusco; 18 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, Billy Huelsenbeck of Avilla.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Huelsenbeck; a sister, Lois Pfafman; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where the rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Mary Jane Bullock**, 80, died at 8 a.m. Sunday. Services at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Calling from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Autumn Dawn Meyer** died shortly after birth June 28. Private graveside services were held Saturday in Fort Wayne.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mildred A. Ray**, 92, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Arthur Roberts**, 76, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-6 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Joseph Albertson

BUTLER — Joseph A. Albertson, 60, of Butler, died Sunday at 2:45 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Albertson was an area resident for many years and a retired laborer for Ayr-Way Manufacturing in Waterloo. He served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1964.

He was born Jan. 9, 1939, in Butler to Charles F. and Edna (Slentz) Albertson, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by a brother, James Albertson of Butler; and three sisters, Ruth Groff of Butler, Betty Zehr of Montpelier, Ohio, and Anna Doty of Ashley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Billy, of Edgerton, Ohio.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Charles Witt officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Loma Baer

AVILLA — Loma A. Baer, 96, died early Monday morning at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Baer was a homemaker and formerly lived in Van Wert, Ohio, and Palm Harbor, Fla.

She was born June 10, 1903, in Van Wert County, Ohio, to the late Melmore and Llewellyn (Kirkland) Hawkins.

She married Albert E. Baer on Aug. 19, 1936, in Washington, D.C., and he died Oct. 22, 1981.

She is survived by one brother, Orland Hawkins of Converse, Ind.

One brother, Lloyd Hawkins, and one sister, Bessie Germann, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at noon (Indiana time) in Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, with calling after 10 a.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. Paul Miller will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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William Rempis

WATERLOO — William Conway Rempis, 76, died Monday at 11:35 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1992 after 34 years of service at Charleston Metal in Waterloo. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army 95th Infantry, and fought in the battle of the Saar. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo, and a former member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Rempis was born Feb. 14, 1923, in DeKalb County to the late Lester L. and Anna M. (Conway) Rempis.

He married Joan Laisure on Oct. 13, 1990, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sandy Nicewonder of Indianapolis, Rebecca Mayfield of Pleasant Lake, and Helen Goble of Straughn, Ind.; four stepsons, Tony Wells of Auburn, Joe Wells of Ashley, Tim Wells of Corunna and Rick Wells of Waterloo; two stepdaughters, Diana Elkins of Waterloo and Julie White of Corunna; one sister, Barbara Teller of Garrett; 10 grandchildren, 15 stepgrandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edith (Pushy) Rempis in February 1982; one son, William C.; one sister, Marguerite Braunstein; and one great-grandson, Daniel Moon.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh of the Freewill Baptist Church officiating. Burial will take place in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Charles Stephenson

MONROEVILLE — Charles Stephenson, 58, died Monday at 12:30 p.m. in his Monroeville home.

He was a mold operator at Bohn Aluminum in Butler, and a member of the Ohio Archaeological Society.

Mr. Stephenson was born March 25, 1941, in Monroeville to the late Clarence and D'Nell (Tittle) Stephenson.

He married Carol Voirol on Aug. 4, 1962, and she died July 24, 1977.

He married Jan Bowsher on Dec. 3, 1982, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bill O. of Monroeville; five daughters, Tammy Kinney of New Haven, Lisa Johnson and Sandy Stephenson, both of Monroeville, Dawn Diemer of Fort Wayne, and Janelle Stephenson of Hicksville, Ohio; one sister, Lois Bennett of Haviland, Ohio; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Kenneth and Keith, and one sister, Melba Smith, preceded him in death.

There will be no funeral service.

Burial took place today in St. Rose Cemetery.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, in Monroeville.

Bob Johnson

KNIGHTSTOWN — Bob Gene Johnson, 57, died Sunday evening at Hancock Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

A 1960 graduate of New Castle High School, he was employed at the Mahoney Chevrolet dealership in Indianapolis for the past seven years. He attended the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in New Castle and was a member of UAW Local 371. He enjoyed auto racing and fishing.

Mr. Johnson was born Nov. 15, 1941, in Muncie. His mother, Delores "Jean" Smith, survives in Auburn and his father, Charles E. Johnson, is deceased.

Also surviving him are his wife, Charlotte; three sons, Robert Allen Johnson of Fishers, Andy Lee Hudson of New Castle and Ben Hudson of Knightstown; three daughters, Tammy Jean Yingst of Muncie, Kimberly R. Johnson of Texas and Casey Joe Taylor of California; one brother, Jim Johnson of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Beecher Smith, and a son, Tim Johnson.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hinsey-Brown Funeral Home, in New Castle.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Miller officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society-Hancock County.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Ronald Andrews**, 53, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

CROMWELL — **Lucille Virginia Daily**, 79, died Sunday. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Friday in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Donald E. Treesh**, 71, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Lance M. Higginbotham**, 42, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

SYRACUSE — **John M. Goldman**, 82, died Sunday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **James E. Rowley**, 85, died Saturday. Private memorial services Wednesday. No calling.

NEW HAVEN — **Alton W. "Bud" Christianer**, 67, died Monday. Services at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven. Calling 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

SYRACUSE — **Charles F. Roberts**, 65, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

John B. Stahl Sr.

AUBURN — John B. Stahl Sr., 59, died Tuesday at 1:35 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Stahl was a transport driver for Midstates Trucking of Toledo, Ohio, and a retiree of Marathon Petroleum of Waterloo. He was a 1957 graduate of Waterloo High School and attended the County Line Church of God. He was a fomer member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club.

Stahl

He was born Aug. 2, 1939, in DeKalb County to the late Clark and Edna (Bowman) Stahl.

He married Charlene L. Smith on Aug. 7, 1961, in Maple Grove United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, John B. Stahl Jr. (and wife, Michelle) of Ashley; one daughter, Kelly Snider (and husband, Steve) of Auburn; two brothers, James of Kendallville and Thomas of Corunna; one sister, Shirley Anweiler of Zionsville; and four grandchildren, Brenda and Mark Stahl, and Mason and Mackenzie Snider.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the building fund for the County Line Church of God, 7716 North County Line Road, Auburn IN 46706.

Alfred Porter Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Alfred L. Porter Sr., 78, died Monday in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He was born in DeKalb County. He was a truck driver with Magnavox for 25 years and retired in 1986, and also was employed by Fortmeyer's Truck Stop for 10 years.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy E.; two sons, Jackie L. Porter of Butler, and Alfred L. Porter Jr. of Kendallville; a sister, Wilma Bartels of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Donald Palmerton

FREMONT — Donald V. Palmerton, 74, of Camden, Mich., and formerly of Fremont, died Monday at his home after an illness of four months.

Mr. Palmerton was a veteran of World War II and served with the U.S. Navy. He was the former owner and operator of Don's Shell Service in Fremont, which he operated for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion and the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department, where he had served as fire chief. He was an auxiliary member of the Camden Fire Department.

He was born Dec. 25, 1924, in Battle Creek, Mich., to the late Ernest and Imo (Sowle) Palmerton.

On Feb. 6, 1989, he married the former Elizabeth Jean "Jeanie" McMahan, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Shelly Hawkins (and husband, Denny) of Fremont, Karyl Pocock (and husband, Laurel) of Fremont, and Dawn Palmerton of Butler; a son, Randy (and wife, Ardis) of Fremont; three stepsons, Daniel Bennett (and wife, Donna), Bob Bennett (and wife, Susie) and Dennis (and wife, Jennie) Bennett, all of Camden; a stepdaughter, Cathy Ringler (and husband, Terry) of Fremont; 19 grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Jim Peterson of Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Palmerton was preceded in death by his first wife, Sibil, in June 1988.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe, Allen R. Stout and Eric Wooten officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, north of Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to Hillsdale Hospice, the Fremont American Legion or the Camden Fire Department.

Catherine Burtch

PLEASANT LAKE — Catherine Isabel Burtch, 81, of Golden Lake, died at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born in Garrett Oct. 24, 1917, to Alfred and Irene (Johnston) Rahrig. In Avilla on Oct. 8, 1937, she married Richard W. Burtch, who survives.

Mrs. Burtch, a 1936 graduate of Garrett High School, was a homemaker. She moved from Garrett in 1977 to Golden Lake. She was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake, the Eagles Lodge in Garrett, and Garrett Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Julianne and Milton Hersey of Pleasant Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard A. and Jan Burtch of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Treva Lovette of Atlanta, Ga.; a half-sister, Sharon Butler of Kendallville; two half-brothers, Jack Rahrig of Stroh and James Rahrig of Garrett; six grandchildren, Anne Sasko, Joan Wiggins, Nathan Hersey, Brian Burtch, Carson Burtch and Mollie Galloway; and seven great-grandchildren, Ian Sasko, Dustin Wiggins, Amy Joy Wiggins, Jacob Wiggins and Cole, Alanis and Vanessa Joy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Tim Seevers officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Dona Helmick

AUBURN — Dona L. Helmick, 54, died Tuesday at 4:50 a.m. in her Auburn home.

She formerly owned a day care center in her home in Waterloo, and was a home health aide for Compre-Care of Auburn. She then worked as a certified nursing assistant for the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a 1963 graduate of Waterloo High School, and a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Helmick was born April 25, 1945, in Garrett to the late George Leo and Ruth (Whitson) Noirot.

She married Rick B. Helmick on June 11, 1994, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving her are one son, Matthew Caldwell of Auburn; one daughter, Christina Caldwell Powell of Ashley; two stepsons, Rick Helmick Jr. of Garrett and Bill Helmick of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Rachel Helmick of Fort Wayne; one brother, George Noirot of Lansing, Mich.; two sisters, Jacqueline Hadden of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and Nannette Hatton of southern Indiana; a grandson, Drayke Powell; and a stepgrand-daughter, Karissa Helmick.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Steve Eckert will officiate, with burial to follow in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice, in care of DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

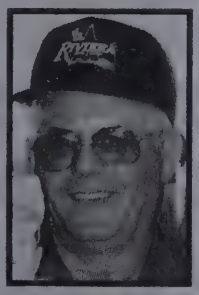
The Evening Star, Thurs., July 8, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

John B. Stahl Sr.

AUBURN — John B. Stahl Sr., 59, died Tuesday at 1:35 a.m. at his home.

He was a 1957 graduate of Waterloo High School, a former member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club and attended the County Line Church of God.



Stahl

He was a transport driver for Midstates Trucking of Toledo, Ohio, and a retiree of Marathon Petroleum of Waterloo.

He was born Aug. 2, 1939, in DeKalb County to the late Clark and Edna (Bowman) Stahl.

On Aug. 7, 1961, he married Charlene L. Smith in Maple Grove United Methodist Church. She survives in rural Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, John B. Stahl Jr. (and wife, Michelle) of Ashley; one daughter, Kelly Snider (and husband, Steve) of Auburn; four grandchildren, Brenda and Mark Stahl, and Mason and Mackenzie Snider; two brothers, James of Kendallville and Thomas of Corunna; and one sister, Shirley Anweiler of Zionsville.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the building fund for the County Line Church of God, 7716 North County Line Road, Auburn IN 46706.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruth A. Blake**, 69, died Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Columbia City First Church of God. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services Friday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Alice I. Dannenberg

GARRETT — Alice I. Dannenberg, 74, died Wednesday at her Garrett home.

Mrs. Dannenberg had been a lab technician at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, the Souder Clinic in Auburn and the Duemling Clinic in Fort Wayne. She had lived in the community for 52 years.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, where she was a president of the Ladies Aid, the Zone and Society president of the L.W.M.L., and served as the current church organist. She was also the chapel organist for Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville and a former organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett. Her hobbies included music, cooking and sewing.

She was born Jan. 26, 1925, in South Milford to Arthur L. and Goldie I. Chamberlain (Long), who preceded her in death.

On Sept. 7, 1947, in Kendallville she married Harold W. Dannenberg. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She is survived by three sons, Robert Dannenberg of Auburn, David Dannenberg of Livermore, Calif., and Stanley Dannenberg of Mount Shasta, Calif.; one daughter, Marjorie Arnold of Decatur; a sister, Anna J. Wickersham of Danville; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, and from Monday 9-10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Her funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in the church with the Rev. Dean R. Bearman officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Donald Carmichael

LAGRANGE — Donald L. Carmichael, 66, of LaGrange, died Wednesday in his home.

He was born Feb. 13, 1933, in Vincennes to Harley Everett and Hazel Lena (Anderson) Carmichael. On May 1, 1965, in Albion, he married Judith Baxter, who survives.

Mr. Carmichael lived most of his life in Columbia City and LaGrange. From 1980-1985 he lived in Texas. He returned to LaGrange in 1985 where he lived until his death. He was in the timber business for 23 years and retired from Colwell-General in the bagging department. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict in the U.S. Army for four years. He was a member of Eagles Lodge in Albion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Donald Christensen of Elkhart, Dan Carmichael of Avilla, Darren Carmichael of LaGrange, and Eugene T. Coffelt Jr. of Columbia City; four daughters, Mrs. Chris (Dawn) Bohnert of LaPorte, Robin Christensen of Michigan City, Mrs. Walter (Deb) Good of Auburn, and Mrs. Randy (Donna) Akers of Logansport; six sisters, Kathryn J. Neill of Clearwater, Fla., Ruby E. Frederick of Ingleside, Texas, and Alice J. Marks and Sharon Garringer, both of Kendallville, Mary V. Akers of Schererville, and Carol Joanne Potter of Cedar Lake; six brothers, William C. "Clete" Carmichael of Avilla, Johnnie R. Carmichael of LaGrange, Jack H. Carmichael of Rensselaer, Norman R. Carmichael of Kendallville, and Kenneth E. Carmichael and Phillip R. Carmichael, both of Logansport; a stepsister, Karen S. Collar of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Randy W. Collar of Syracuse; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet K., his parents, his stepmother, Beatrice Aileen Trimmer Carmichael, a sister, Shirley M. Tipton, and a brother, Harley E. Carmichael.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Richard Carmichael officiating. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City with military graveside rites by VFW of Sturgis.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Willard Maugherman

ANGOLA — Willard "Woody" Maugherman, 78, of Angola, died Wednesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Maugherman was a lineman for General Telephone Co., retiring in 1976 after 30 years. He also was a farmer.

He was born April 14, 1921, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to the late John and Rhoda (Baker) Maugherman.

On Nov. 19, 1945, in Pleasant Lake, he married Viola V. Maugherman, who survives at home in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald Maugherman of Angola and Alan Maugherman of Fremont; two daughters, Joyce and Joan Maugherman, both of Angola; a brother, Kenneth Maugherman of Angola; a sister, Alma Lange-Gresham of Oregon; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fairview Missionary Church and the Alzheimer's Support Group.

John Yelavich

COLDWATER, Mich. — John A. "Jay" Yelavich, 74, of Coldwater, died Thursday at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Troust officiating.

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Thomas Knight

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Thomas F. "Tom" Knight, 56, died early Thursday after an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Knight was employed at Cooper Industries in Hicksville for more than 20 years. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1961. He was a member of the Hicksville Eagles. He built and drove his own drag racing cars for many years.

He was born May 5, 1945, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Robert and Betty Haskins Knight. His mother, Betty Schramm, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are three daughters, Michelle Chagoya, Dawn (Mrs. Chris) Stabler, and Angela Knight, all of Hicksville; his stepfather, Jim Schramm of Hicksville; one sister, Linda Linnemeir of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with Pastor Max Begley officiating. Burial will take place in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Theodore Bowser

HARLAN — Theodore "T.J." Bowser IV, 8, died Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a student at Harlan Elementary School and would have been in the third grade. He enjoyed basketball, soccer and football.

He was born Oct. 1, 1990, in Fort Wayne to Angie N. and Ted M. Bowser III. They survive in Harlan.

Also surviving are one brother, Dakota J. Bowser, at home; his grandfathers and step-grandmothers, Daniel and Connie Widdifield of Fremont, and Theodore Bowser II and Darlene Bowser of Auburn; his grandmothers, Elaine Widdifield of Fort Wayne and Merline Bowser of Spencerville; and his great-grandparents, William Ross and Angie Widdifield of Fort Wayne, Adeline Smith of Bradenton, Fla., and Kathryn Meyer of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Harlan Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the T.J. Bowser Fund at Grabill Bank.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Thomas L. Murphy**, 39, died Wednesday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 11 a.m. until services on Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Marietha A. Frey**, 72, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — **Donald Carmichael**, 66, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Lois L. Henson**, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ernest Betz

KENDALLVILLE — Ernest J. Betz, 68, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly Friday at 12:33 p.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital's emergency room.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Chester Terry

KENDALLVILLE — Chester Terry, 58, of Kendallville, died Friday. Calling Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Family calling at noon Sunday. Services Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Memorials to American Heart Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Jeanne Jones

CLEAR LAKE — Jeanne A. Jones, 81, of Clear Lake, died at 9:15 a.m. Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne, she attended Ball State University and received her master's degree from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne.

A school teacher, Mrs. Jones was a former board member of the Fort Wayne Ballet, a member of the Steuben County Republican Woman's Club, a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel, a member of the Lutheran Scholarship Committee, and a member of the Angola Book Review Club.

She was born May 6, 1918, in Urbana to the late Marion F. and Pearl (Smith) Shookman.

On Nov. 22, 1940, she married Willard M. Jones, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Babette (and husband, Tom) Merkert of Waukesha, Wis.; two sons, Steven (and wife, Candice) Jones of Roanoke, and Mark (and wife, Ruth) Jones of Indianapolis; and 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel, Clear Lake, with the Rev. Kenneth Redmann officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Clear Lake Township.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Clear Lake.

Pete Hundagen

AUBURN — Pete Hundagen, 46, died Sunday at 11:10 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was treasurer of North American Van Lines in Fort Wayne. He lived in Auburn and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn. He was past director of the Girls Athletic League, Auburn.

Mr. Hundagen was born Oct. 7, 1952, in Canonsburg, Pa., to Peter M. and Nellie (Pollock) Hundagen. His father survives in McDonald, Pa., and his mother is deceased.

He married Debbie Ritenour on Aug. 9, 1975, in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Zachary, at home; two daughters, Sarah and Laura, both at home; and two sisters, Beverly Vanzin (and husband, Dan) of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Joyce Hundagen of Portland, Ore.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. and the Rev. Richard Kraus will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Kidney Foundation.

Helen Bauer

HOWELL, Mich. — Helen R. Bauer, 96, died July 6 at Faith Haven Living Center in Jackson, Mich.

She worked as a registered nurse in Howell, Mich., from 1937 until her retirement in 1972. She moved to Jackson in 1991.

Mrs. Bauer was born in Tunnel City, Wis., on March 14, 1903.

She married Fred Bauer, an Auburn High School graduate, in 1930, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Mary B. Culver of Jackson, a 1950 Auburn High School graduate; a son, Fred L. of Seattle, Wash., a 1952 Auburn graduate; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Howell. After cremation, her ashes will be buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

David Gradeless

GARRETT — David L. Gradeless, 54, died Friday at 6:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was a retired technician for AT&T and lived in Fort Wayne. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Gradeless was born June 29, 1945, in Garrett to the late Ralph and Martha (Smith) Gradeless.

He married Linda Schulthess on June 29, 1996, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Jeffrey Long; two stepdaughters, Amy Long and Ginger Long, and one sister, Nancy Leitch of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Barbara J. "Bobby" Frankart Hill**, 66, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ernest Betz Jr.**, 67, died Friday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. No calling.

LIGONIER — **Day J. Baugher**, 78, died July 11. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bible Baptist Church, Ligonier. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

ROME CITY — **Jack A. Gibson**, 26, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Naomi G. Koontz**, 92, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Columbia City.

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Deaths/Funerals

Julia Walker

FORT WAYNE — Julia M. Walker, 95, died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She and her husband, Richard E. Walker Sr., were joint superintendents of the Allen County Children's Home. She retired in 1968. Born in Fort Wayne, she was a 1922 graduate of St. Catherine's Academy and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Surviving her are two daughters, Dorothy G. Weitz of Elkhart and Betty J. Oser of Auburn; a son, Richard E. Walker Jr. of Fort Wayne; a sister, Bernadette P. Sumner of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in 1991 and her son, Edward W., in 1989.

Friends may call Friday from 4-9 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. A wake service will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Prayers will be said Saturday at 9:15 a.m. in the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mary of the Woods, Terre Haute.

Francis Miller

FORT WAYNE — Francis A. Miller, 67, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Parkview Hospital.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a tool and die maker and Korean War U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Jean A.; two daughters, Tina Riecke of Avilla, and Lori Lawhorn of Fort Wayne; a son, Leon Miller of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Janet Johnson of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Jeffrey Johnson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military rites by American Legion Post 499.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospital Respiratory Department or Parkview Hospital Oncology Department.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **August Carl Fritz**, 85, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

AVILLA — **Mary Louise Thomas**, 74, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lillian Taylor

COLDWATER, Mich. — Lillian W. Taylor, 95, of Angola, died Tuesday in the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mrs. Taylor was a retired school teacher and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Coldwater and the church's Batavia Reading Circle.

She was born Sept. 24, 1903, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Clarence and Carrie (Mason) Wyatt.

She married Charles W. Taylor, and he preceded her in death Oct. 14, 1979. Four sisters and six brothers also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a sister, LaVerge Nutt of Coldwater, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. James C. Troust officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials may be given to the Presbyterian Church of Coldwater.

Howard Keller

FORT WAYNE — Howard C. Keller, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Keller was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He retired in 1979 after 27 years with IRCND Motor Freightway and he was also a truck driver for Teamsters Local 414.

Surviving are his wife, Naomi; six daughters, Janet L. Greenup, Barbara A. Wise, Martha A. Becker and Rita M. Croffey, all of Fort Wayne, Jeannie E. Arnett of Butler and Cynthia K. Bell of Markle; two sons, Norman E. Keller of Fort Wayne, and Leslie E. Keller of Albion; a sister, Marie Kelley of Illinois; a brother, Clarence Keller of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Living Faith Missionary Church, 17718 S. Ind. 1, Yoder. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, and 30 minutes before services on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Living Faith Missionary Church, Anthony Wayne Council of Boy Scouts or any church of the donor's choice.

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Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Elzora "Evelyn" Ferguson,** 82, died Monday. No services. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

LIGONIER — **Varen P. "Mouse" Minier Sr.**, 74, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Richard I. Reimer**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-9 p.m. Thursday and before services on Friday.

The Evening Star, Thurs., July 15, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Hurschel Everitt

ANGOLA — Hurschel W. Everitt, 86, of Angola, died Tuesday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Everitt was a farmer and worked at Dana Corp., Weatherhead Division, in Angola for 10 years. He was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

He was born Jan. 27, 1913, in Hamilton to the late Shirley C. and Philena E. (Cosper) Everitt. He married Lillian Cole on June 14, 1934, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nila A. Courtright of Hudson; a son, Max Wayne Everitt of Lake Helen, Fla.; a sister, Doris Davidson of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A sister, Dorothy Buell, preceded him in death on May 15.

Friends may call from 5-8 this evening at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery, Otsego Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be given to Fairview Missionary Church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Thomas W. Key**, 90, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Princeton. Calling 4-8 p.m. Friday in Colvin Funeral Home, Princeton.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert R. Stanton**, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Donald Paul "Pete" Harp**, 73, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Friday.

The Evening Star, Fri., July 16, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Elizabeth Quimby

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Elizabeth "Betty"(Haines) Quimby, 80, of Greenville, died July 6.

She was born in Elmira, N.Y., and was of the Baptist faith. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Quimby and her husband resided in Angola from 1961-86, and attended the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph G. Quimby, at home; a daughter, Phyllis Q. Gouker of Cape Coral, Fla.; a son, Allen Haines Quimby of Nashville, Tenn.; a brother, Bob Haines of Austin, Texas; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Elma Miller Haines.

Graveside services were July 8 at Greenville Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were made by Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Greenville.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Susan C. Emerson**, 88, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

The Evening Star, Sat., July 17, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Ardis Crum

UNIONDALE, Ind. — Ardis B. Crum, 85, died Thursday at 2:20 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne during World War II. He operated a Gulf service station after World War II with his brother in Uniondale for seven years. He also operated Crum paint store, doing interior and exterior decorating. He repaired and refinished antiques.

He was a member of the Uniondale United Methodist Church, the Uniondale Volunteer Fire Department and Horeb Cemetery Board. He served on the Uniondale Town Council for several years.

Mr. Crum was born Feb. 28, 1914, in Wells County to the late Charles and Laura (Schwartz) Crum.

He married L. Maxine Inman on July 27, 1940, in Warren, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda Smith of Ossian and Rita Rathburn of Auburn; one brother, Charles "Woody" Crum of Bluffton; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One daughter, Pam Allen, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Elzey & Haggard Funeral Home-Ossian Chapel, in Ossian.

His funeral service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Lloyd Miller officiating. Burial will take place in Horeb Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Wells County Crippled Children & Adults, or to the Wells County chapter of American Cancer Society.

Truman Lantz

LAGRANGE — Truman L. Lantz, 78, died Friday at 7:50 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mr. Lantz was born in LaGrange County on Jan. 11, 1921, to Ezra and Ina (Troyer) Lantz. He married Patricia Dunker in Shipshewana on Feb. 5, 1983, at Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Danny (Linda) Jones of Syracuse and Mrs. Bret (Becky) Brown of Hamilton; one son, Jerry Lantz of Massachusetts; two stepdaughters, Madi Marcon of Texas and Rosemary Marcon of LaGrange; two brothers, Glen Lantz of Middlebury and Robert Lantz of Nappanee; and two sisters, Gladys Miller of Elkhart and Irma Gingerich of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Kathryn Lantz; and one grandson.

Friends may call Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ralph Hill officiating. A private burial service will be held at Sidener Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene.

Deaths/Funerals

Joshua Noel

GARRETT — Joshua Allen Noel, 21, died Saturday at 3:36 a.m. in an automobile accident on County Road 327 north of County Road 68, south of Garrett.

He was a 1996 graduate of Garrett High School. He was a student at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne and worked full-time as a yardman at Carter Lumber in Corunna. He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church. He was a lifelong Garrett resident and resided on County Road 60.

Noel

He was born June 6, 1978, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving him are his father and stepmother, Michael A. and Lois Noel of Garrett; his mother, Nancy C. Noel of Garrett; one brother, Brandon Noel of Garrett; one sister, Erica Noel of Garrett; his grandparents, Bennett and Patricia Noel of Fort Wayne; four stepsisters, Kelly Teush and Roxie Williams, both of Huntington, and Erin Williams and Chelsea Williams, both of Garrett; and a stepbrother, Kyle Williams of Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Elizabeth Morgan and the Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Miles Stacey Sr.
Brenda Stacey

LAGRANGE — Miles L. Stacey Sr., 48, of LaGrange, and his wife, Brenda S. Stacey, 49, died at 11:30 p.m. Friday in a traffic accident on U.S. 20 at C.R. 250W, LaGrange.

He was born Aug. 4, 1950, in Tipton. On Dec. 23, 1969, in Hamilton County, he and Brenda Hurst were married.

Mr. Stacey was a detective and 26-year veteran of the Indiana State Police. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mrs. Stacey was born Nov. 29, 1949, in Tipton. She was a former employee of the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, working as a dispatcher for most of her 13 years with the department.

The couple moved to LaGrange in 1973 from Tipton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stacey attended the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and were members of LaGrange Fraternal Order of Police.

The couple are survived by a daughter, Kelly D. Stacey of LaGrange; a son, Miles L. Stacey Jr. of Elkhart; and a granddaughter, Allison Jane Mattingly Stacey.

Mr. Stacey is also survived by his mother and stepfather, Maddie (Johnson) and Ray Head of Tipton; five brothers, George Stacey of Anniston, Ala., and Red Stacey, Tom Stacey, Mark Head and Steve Head, all of Tipton; and five sisters, Susie Stevens, Jeanie Anderson, Barb Howard and Pam Johns, all of Tipton, and Brenda Maish of Evansville.

Mrs. Stacey is survived by a sister, Judy Hurst of Tipton; and a brother, Daniel L. Hurst of Tipton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Margaret (Burris) Hurst.

Joint funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Tipton High School, Tipton, with Indiana State Police Chaplain Mark Dodd and the Rev. George Sullivan-Davis officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, and from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday at the high school in Tipton.

Preferred memorials for Mr. Stacey are to the American Heart Association. Memorials for Mrs. Stacey are to the United Way of Tipton County, Tipton.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Audrey Gaff

GARRETT — Audrey N. Gaff, 82, died Sunday at 6:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had worked as a clerk at Ort's Jewelry Store in Garrett, retiring in 1977, and was a lifelong resident of Garrett. She was a graduate of the Garrett High School class of 1934. She was a member of the Garrett Alumni Association and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Mrs. Gaff was born Sept. 10, 1916, in Garrett to the late William R. and Hazel M. (Dingman) Clady.

She married Lawrence E. Gaff on July 11, 1941, in Garrett and he died July 31, 1952.

Surviving her are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy K. and Tom Griffin, Carol and Bud Hathaway, and Judy and Don Francis, all of Garrett; one sister, Joyce Westenhaver of Garrett; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One son, Gene E. Gaff, and two half-brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **James M. Ulrich**, 70, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

TOPEKA — **Mary Miller**, 87, died at 7:20 a.m. Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Miller family home, 5645W — 800S, Topeka, with calling there all day today.

SYRACUSE — **Patricia Ann Coppes**, 60, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Mishler Chapel, Milford, with calling one hour before services.

SYRACUSE — **Daniel Jay Mock**, 46, died Saturday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in North Webster Church of the Brethren. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Eastlund Funeral Homes, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

SYRACUSE — **Irene M. Bucher**, 79, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there two hours before services.

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Deaths/Funerals

Viola Pierce

FORT WAYNE — Viola M. Pierce, 89, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in St. Joseph Medical Center.

She was born April 26, 1910, in DeKalb County to Burton H. and Florence M. (Hodges) Shultz. She married Elmer Clark Pierce, who preceded her in death in 1993. She was a homemaker and member of Faith United Methodist Church.

Surviving is a daughter, Carol A. Gallmeyer of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with the Rev. Jack Scott officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, Corunna.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today.

Preferred memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church, 207 E. DeWald St., Fort Wayne.

Thelma Arnett

FORT WAYNE — Thelma Janeie Arnett, 82, died Monday in Lutheran Hospital.

She was a native of Vernal, Utah. She had been a nursing assistant in Kendallville and New Mexico, retiring in 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Theresa Hurt of Orland; a son, David Arnett of Orland; and four grandchildren.

Her husband, Wellie, preceded her in death in 1980.

Funeral services will be in New Mexico.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of local arrangements.

Willard Anspaugh

SUN CITY CENTER, Fla. — Willard E. Anspaugh, 82, of Sun City Center, Fla., died Saturday in Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

He was born in Detroit, and grew up in Steuben County.

Mr. Anspaugh was a rural letter carrier in LaGrange until 1961, when he transferred to Suitland, Md. In 1974 he transferred to Ruskin, Fla., retiring in 1991. He moved to Sun City Center in May. He was a Presbyterian and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 148, Apollo Beach, Fla., and VFW Post 0203 in Ruskin.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; two daughters, Cheryl Robertson of Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Norman (Linda) Heign of Howe; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Family Care Funeral Chapel, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, with Dr. Taylor M. Hill officiating. Burial will be in Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines, Fla.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association Florida Affiliate Inc., 1411 N. Westshore Blvd., Suite 211, Tampa, Fla. 33607.

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Deaths/Funerals

Shallon Bush

AUBURN — Shallon J. Bush, 22, died Monday in her apartment on West Fifteenth Street in Auburn.

She was employed by Brubaker Steel Corp. in Fort Wayne.

Miss Bush was born Oct. 13, 1976, in Angola to James A. and Cathy (Hinman) Bush. They survive in Ashley.

Also surviving her are a son, Hudson J. Bennett, at home; a sister, Emily L. Bush of Columbus, Ohio; and her grandparents, DeWayne and Irene Hinman of Angola, and William and Jeanette Bush of Pleasant Lake.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, where friends may call after 1 p.m. The Rev. Kent Dale, pastor of the Ashley United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will take place in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Trust Fund for Hudson Bennett, in care of First National Bank of Fremont, Box. 40, Ashley IN 46705.

Carl Waymire

PLEASANT LAKE — Carl Waymire, 88, of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Waymire was a farmer and a school bus driver for 33 years, retiring in 1975. He was a 60-year member of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, and a member of the Babes-in-the-Woods Camping Club, the Alpha Farmer's Club and Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

He was born July 15, 1911, in Pleasant Lake to the late Martin and Belle (Swager) Waymire.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha, at home; three sons, David G. Waymire of Spring, Texas, Don G. Waymire of Commerce, Mich., and Richard F. Waymire of Angola; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Golden Lake Road, with the Rev. Glenda Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

The Evening Star, Thurs., July 22, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Todd Hile

AUBURN — Todd W. Hile, 39, died Tuesday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a journeyman plumber and lived in Auburn. He enjoyed hunting and woodworking.

Surviving him are his mother, Deloris Finnegan of Auburn; one daughter, Kimberly Hill of Jamestown, Ky.; one son, Justin Hile of Jamestown; two sisters, Diana Benson of St. Joe and Valerie Baum of Stockman Springs, Maine; one brother, Lynn Hile of Bumpass, Va.

One brother, Kenneth, preceded him in death in 1992.

There will be no calling hours or services. C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

The Evening Star, Fri., July 23, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Ruby Beck

AUBURN — Ruby Brooks Beck, 93, died Thursday at Betz Nursing Home.

Born in Wilkinson County, Ga., she was a practicing registered nurse for 35 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church and a past secretary and treasurer of the Sixth District Nurses Register of Macon, Ga.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph O. Beck; three daughters, Betty Jo Honaker of Auburn, Jean Jolley of Brisbane, Australia, and Dr. Sara Fein of Alexandria, Va.; one sister, Mildred Holland of Macon; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jackie Beck Crover.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Macon Memorial Park Cemetery in Macon.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn Baptist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Ronald Freeze

GARRETT — Ronald Freeze, 81, died Thursday at 9:31 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Freeze worked for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1974. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion, Eagles Lodge, Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. He was a lifelong resident of Garrett.

He was born Nov. 18, 1917, in Garrett to the late John M. and Florence (Hite) Freeze.

He married Margaret Pearson in 1947 and she died Sept. 19, 1971. He then married Marvelle N. Surface in 1974 and she died Nov. 11, 1998.

Surviving him are one son, Ronald of Garrett; one daughter, Karen Stoltz of Fort Wayne; one brother, John of Garrett; two sisters, Leanna Friend of Auburn and Lois Best of Indianapolis; four stepdaughters, Norma Baker of Auburn, Etta Creager of Waterloo, Darlene Baker of Garrett and Sonia Martin of Hamilton; one stepson, Maurice Stark of Springfield, Ohio; five grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

A sister, Barbara Brown, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett, with a military graveside service conducted by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Lorena Mitchell

FORT WAYNE — Lorena J. Mitchell, 74, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was born in Union County, Ind., and was a homemaker.

Surviving her are three daughters, Marcia K. Kessler of Auburn, Sharon Payton of Columbia City and Denise Mitchell of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen W. Mitchell of Woodburn; four brothers, John, Clayton and Jack Franklin, all of Liberty, and Bud Franklin of Melbourne, Fla.; four sisters, Lucy Morrow, Marjorie Fasur and Doris Moore, all of Liberty, and Polly Davis of Lynn; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter N. Mitchell; two brothers, Melvin and William Franklin; and a granddaughter, Angela Eldridge, in 1996.

Friends may call Monday from 2-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Liberty Church of the Nazarene in Liberty, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will take place in West Point Cemetery in Liberty.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, 3015 S. Wayne Ave., Box 21, Fort Wayne IN 46807.

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James Woods

AVILLA — James W. Woods, 77, of Avilla, died at 6:52 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Kendallville on Dec. 3, 1921, to James W. and Carolyn (Frehse) Woods. On May 3, 1941, in the Church of Christ in Butler, he married Kathleen Wiler. She survives.

Mr. Woods, a lifetime Noble County resident, was a truck driver for Kenosha Auto Transport and had also been a crane operator. He was a World War II veteran and a member of Union Local 414, American Legion Post 86, Kendallville, and he attended Green Center United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Sharon Steckley of Waterloo; a son, William S. Woods of Avilla; a sister, Janice Bagel of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Henry Woods of St. Joe; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Charles Weeden

PLEASANT LAKE — Charles E. "Chuck" Weeden, 92, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weeden was retired from his work as a truck driver for Commercial Carriers of Detroit. He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge No. 614. He moved to the area from Coldwater, Mich., where he lived from 1951-97.

He was born Feb. 3, 1907, in New Bedford, Mass., to the late Everett and Marian (Baker) Weeden.

On April 7, 1951, he married the former Margaret Deetz, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Jerry Weeden of Montana; a daughter, Marjorie Stanley of Montana; and a brother, Donald Weeden of St. Augustine, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Clifton, and a sister, Marjorie Gallop.

Graveside services will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to charities selected by the donors. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Helen L. Gross**, 74, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-9 p.m. today.

The Evening Star, Sat., July 24, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Thomas Glant

ANGOLA — Thomas A. Glant, 66, of Angola, died Thursday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mr. Glant was a salesman for CCI Manufactured Housing. He was a former salesman for Indiana Lumbermans Insurance Co. of Indianapolis, and also managed the Angola Burger Chef. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 19, 1933, in Elkhart to the late Harry and Katherine (Showalter) Glant. He married Carol Bunge on June 10, 1951, and his wife survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, David of Fort Wayne, Kevin of Decatur and Stacy of Angola; a daughter, Carrie Ham of Angola; a sister, Mary Raub of Auburn; and seven grandchildren.

Services are pending and will be arranged by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Memorial gifts may be given to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Jeremy D. Taulbee, 21, died Friday in a one-vehicle accident in rural Kendallville. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

UNION CITY — Linda L. Silvey, 64, died Thursday. Private service at the convenience of the family at Reichard Funeral Home, 400 W. Deerfield Rd., Union City. No public calling hours.

Deaths/Funerals

Ellen Mooney

FORT WAYNE — Ellen L. Mooney, 79, of Fort Wayne, died July 18 at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mooney was a 1938 graduate of South Side High School and a 1940 graduate of International Business College. She worked for International Harvester from 1940-49 and for Fort Wayne Community Schools from 1966-73. She was a volunteer at Lutheran Hospital and at Ambassadors and Conservators.

She was born July 7, 1920, in Randolph County.

Surviving are two daughters, Gail K. Cowell of Angola and Sara J. Reinking of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois A. Peterson of Libertyville, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted July 20 at Plymouth Congregational Church Chapel. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to the Plymouth Congregational Church or the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements were made by Elzey and Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Charlotte A. Ward

BRISTOL — Charlotte A. Ward, 66, of Bristol, died Sunday at 4:55 a.m. at her residence after a brief illness.

Mrs. Ward worked for 17 years as an administrative assistant for the Elkhart County Probation Department. Before that she was the administrative assistant to Vaughn Stahl at Junior Achievement in Elkhart for seven years. She was a former member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elkhart. She enjoyed traveling and wintered in Dunedin, Fla., where she had a residence.

She was born April 23, 1933, in Shawnee, Ohio, to Leo E. and Elsie M. (Scurlock) Summers. She married Richard A. Paul, who preceded her in death April 9, 1961 in Elkhart. She married Harold E. Ward on June 16, 1967, in Elkhart. He preceded her in death March 8, 1986.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James E. (Judith L.) Crowl of Waterloo, and Mrs. Benjamin S. (Cheryl A.) Hartman Jr. of Bristol; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vada Beggs and Vivian Fair.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Billings Funeral Home in Elkhart.

Her funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Interment will be in Rice Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society are preferred.

Dorothy F. Herbolsheimer Brown

AUBURN — Dorothy F. Herbolsheimer Brown, 93, died Saturday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker. She attended the First Christian Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born March 29, 1906, in Butler.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Dorothy M. Herbolsheimer of Clearwater, Fla.; two granddaughters, Linda Major of Lebanon, Tenn., and Lisa Black of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two grandsons: Gere Herbolsheimer of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Tere Herbolsheimer of Oldsmar, Fla., and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, J.R. Mike Herbolsheimer, in 1971; her second husband, Harold Brown, in 1991; and a son, DeLoos Herbolsheimer, in 1978.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Clayton W. Hardwick**, 55, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

CROMWELL — **Devon Lee Morgan**, newborn, died at 5:20 a.m. Thursday. Graveside services at a later date.

LIGONIER — **Adrian M. Archer**, 85, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Cromwell United Methodist Church, with calling 2-8 p.m. today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier,

TOPEKA — **Calvin E. Miller**, 65, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church, Goshen. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy F. Herbolsheimer Brown

AUBURN — Dorothy F. Herbolsheimer Brown, 93, died Saturday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker. She attended the First Christian Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born March 29, 1906, in Butler.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Dorothy M. Herbolsheimer of Clearwater, Fla.; two granddaughters, Linda Major of Lebanon, Tenn., and Lisa Black of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two grandsons: Gere Herbolsheimer of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Tere Herbolsheimer of Oldsmar, Fla., and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, J.R. Mike Herbolsheimer, in 1971; her second husband, Harold Brown, in 1991; and a son, DeLoos Herbolsheimer, in 1978.

Friends may call today from 4-6 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. An Order of Eastern Star service will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Barbara Lee Crouch**, 72, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

SYRACUSE — **Mary Jane Deardorff**, 81, died Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

SYRACUSE — **Billy Joe Johnson**, 71, died Sunday. Memorial services at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Morsches Park Pavilion, Columbia City, with calling there 5-8 p.m.

The Evening Star, Wed., July 28, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Thomas Glant

ANGOLA — Thomas A. Glant, 66, of Angola, died Thursday, July 22, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Glant was a salesman for CCI Manufactured Housing. He was a former salesman for Indiana Lumbermans Insurance Co. of Indianapolis. He also had served as manager of the Angola Burger Chef. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 19, 1933, in Elkhart to the late Harry and Katherine (Showalter).

On June 10, 1951, he married Carol (Bunge) Glant, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, David Glant of Fort Wayne, Kevin Glant of Decatur and Stacy Glant of Angola; a daughter, Carrie Ham of Angola; a sister, Mary Raub of Auburn; and seven grandchildren.

There is no calling. Memorial services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at The Chapel of Calvary Temple Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Paul Paino officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Harold Conkle

GARRETT — Harold A. Conkle, 84, died today at 12 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 43 years, retiring in 1975. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and Garrett American Legion Post 178. He lived on South Lee Street in Garrett.

Mr. Conkle was born July 6, 1915, in Garrett to the late Nelson J. and Emma Viola (Roop) Conkle.

He married Ellen S. Zecca on Oct. 4, 1941, and she preceded him in death in 1971. He then married Ann Richards South on Jan. 20, 1976, in Great Britain, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, David N. Conkle of Garrett; one daughter, Elizabeth A. See of Garrett; two stepsons, Richard and Robert South, both of Great Britain; five grandchildren, David N. Snyder, Lauri Zimmerman, Michael See, Eric See and Christina Meyer; seven stepgrandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Morgan will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with a military graveside service conducted by the Garrett American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be given to the church or DeKalb County Heart Association.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Patricia E. "Pat" Herendeen**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

ALBION — **John F. Workman**, 72, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there two hours before services.

CHURUBUSCO — **Paul R. Knafel**, 88, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

The Evening Star, Thurs., July 29, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Zella Warstler

AUBURN — Zella J. Warstler, 59, died Wednesday at 5:10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Warstler worked at Foamex Corp. in Auburn for 15 years. She lived on County Road 36, Auburn, and was a member of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, where she was president of the United Methodist Women.

She was born Nov. 24, 1939, in Auburn to Earnest and Violet (Dilgard) Wallace. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

She married Teddy Warstler on April 21, 1958, and he died Feb. 14, 1985. She then married Donald L. Warstler on June 27, 1987, and he survives.

Also surviving her are two daughters, Nan Armstrong (and husband, George) of Auburn and Tammy Shuman (and husband Dan) of Butler; two stepsons, Gary Warstler of Auburn and Leslie Warstler of Waterloo; three stepdaughters, Cindy Hansen of St. Joe, Denise Grate of Waterloo and Dawn Cory of Auburn; one brother, Jack Wallace of Auburn; two sisters, Nancy Walters of Auburn and Linda Dunn of Waterloo; four grandchildren and 12 stepgrandchildren.

One son, Scott, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Douglas H. Barber will officiate. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Joseph Andrew Fekete**, 88, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla. Calling 4-8 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **James E. Shull**, 77, died Wednesday. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Aug. 8 in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Kimberly Elizabeth Carnes**, 18, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, North Vernon. Calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Montie Dewire

HAMILTON — Montie Van Dewire, 79, died Thursday at noon in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a one-month illness.

A retired farmer and truck driver, he was a former employee of Simpson Industries of Fremont, from which he retired in 1985 with 10 years of service.

He was a 1938 graduate of Edon High School in Edon, Ohio, and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Japan. He was a member of Edon Masonic Lodge 474 and Edon American Legion Post 662. He was a lifelong resident of the Edon and Hamilton areas.

Mr. Dewire was born Jan. 31, 1920, near Edon to Ethel W. (Ingram) and Montie E. Dewire.

He married Mildred O. "Dolly" Scott on March 24, 1940, in Edon, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry W. (and wife, Joan) of Edon and Steve A. (and wife, Cheryl) of Hamilton; one daughter, Mary L. Damman (and husband, Michael) of Hillsdale, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Sue Dewire of Montpelier, Ohio; one brother, W.C. and (wife, Sue) of Hamilton; three sisters, Myra Fear of Montezuma, Ga., Marie Rockey of Toledo, Ohio, and Mildred Johnson (and husband, Waldo) of Montpelier; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Montie Van Dewire Jr., in April 1997; a great-granddaughter, Kristie Jo Gillen; an infant brother, Larry Dewire; and a sister, Marian Hogan.

Friends may call Saturday from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Krill Funeral Home, Edon. The Edon Masonic Lodge will conduct a memorial service Saturday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with Pastor Bill Priest officiating. Burial will take place in Edon Cemetery, with a military graveside service by the Edon American Legion Post.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon.

Jacqueline Leffler

COLDWATER, Mich. — Jacqueline E. Leffler, 62, died Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in her home on Coldwater Lake.

She was a former Auburn resident. She was a registered nurse, working at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Lutheran Hospital, and as a school nurse at Hamilton Community Schools for several years. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Chruch and the Inland Cat Sailing Club.

She was born Nov. 23, 1936, in Milwaukee, Wis., to the late Frederick William and Lillian Emma (Grundman) Oliver.

Surviving her are one son, David of Sterling Heights, Mich.; two daughters, Lori A. Shuman of Fisher, Ind., and Jennifer L. Shipe of Auburn; one brother, Gary Oliver of Loraine, Ohio; one sister, Meredythe Whittman of Orange, Calif.; and six grandchildren, Abbey, David and Samantha Leffler, Cathryne and Andrew Shuman, and Victoria Shipe.

A memorial service will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Imler

FORT WAYNE — Pauline E. Imler, 71, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne and was employed 10 years by Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Surviving are her husband, Robert E.; three daughters, Sara M. Muncie and Vicki A. Klopfenstein, both of New Haven, and Linda S. Holman of Fort Wayne; a son, William L. Imler of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Phyllis Swank of Hamilton, Maryann Fogle of Georgia, Mildred Huth of Goshen, and Dorothy Newman of Garrett; two brothers, Leonard Huth of Fort Wayne, and Elmer Huth of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour before services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Marilyn F. McNeal**, 66, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Helen Conrad Grile**, 73, of Kendallville, died Thursday at 3:25 p.m. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jerome J. David**, 89, died Wednesday. Services at 3 p.m. Saturday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Bettie L. LeToile

HUDSON — Bettie L. LeToile, 51, died Friday at 12:15 p.m. at her residence in Hudson.

She was born Nov. 3, 1947, in Kentucky. She was a homemaker who attended the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Surviving are two sons, A.J. Carpenter of Angola and DeWayne McClish of Huntertown; a daughter, Dave-Ann Ernest of Ashley; and two grandchildren, Brayden Carpenter and Alexis Freed.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley.

Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the church. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Memorial donations may be made to the family in care of the funeral home.

Dorothy L. Swander

ALBION — Dorothy L. Swander, 63, died Thursday at 11:30 p.m. at her residence in Albion.

Mrs. Swander was a homemaker and a member of the ladies auxiliaries of Eagles Lodge 2455 in Albion, American Legion Post 246 in Albion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville. She had lived in Albion since 1958.

She was born Oct. 9, 1935, in Kendallville to Willard and Theresa (Scott) Gustin, who preceded her in death.

On April 16, 1955 in Kendallville she married Fred F. Swander, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Roberta) Petrie of Albion; three sisters, Bonnie Williams of Albion, Margaret Setler of Fort Wayne and Judith Robinson of Elkhart; three brothers, Harvey Gustin of Hudson, Peter Parrott of Indianapolis and Eugene Parrott of Linnville, N.J.; three grandchildren, Christy, Michael and Jessica Petrie, all of Albion; and one great-grandson, Michael Alexander Petrie of Albion.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack, Bill and Virgil Gustin; and a sister, Lillian Shanks.

Friends may call at the family home in Albion on Sunday afternoon and Monday from 4-7 p.m.

Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Deaths/Funerals

Julius Wilske

ANGOLA — Julius Ernest Wilske, 92, of Angola, died Sunday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Wilske worked at Owens-Illinois Glass in Alton, Ill., as a mechanical engineer and for Anchor-Hocking Glass of Lancaster, Ohio, retiring in 1971. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 5, 1906, in Champaign, Ill., to the late Robert and Harriett Wilske.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Hylbert of Sun City, Calif.; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille Wilske, on June 14, 1998.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church or the University of Illinois Alumni Fund. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Dorothy Byanski

NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Dorothy M. Byanski, 78, died Saturday at 4:35 a.m. in Alden Hospital at Naperville, Ill.

She was a homemaker. She was a past member of the Harvest House and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born April 20, 1921, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to the late Frank and Catherine (Kosmula) McClosky

She married Robert Byanski on March 24, 1940, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two daughters, Barbara Burns (and husband, Jim) of Naperville and Sandra Kotek (and husband, Tom) of Downers Grove, Ill.; one son, Robert J. Byanski of Cicero, Ill.; and two granddaughters, Kimberly and Kandice Burns.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles, Edward and Gus McClosky, and one sister, Edna West.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate, with burial to follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Wiltrude F. Gill**, 94, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Nancy L. "Robin" Becze**, 45, died Friday. Memorial services at a later date. No calling.

LIGONIER — **Alvin M. Miller**, 87, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Woodlawn Amish-Mennonite Church, with calling there 3-7 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Avis I. VanVoorst**, 73, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marlene J. Watkins**, 64, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Grace Lutheran Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

John Wise

AUBURN — John Earl Wise, 56, died Monday morning in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Wise was an accountant and lived in Auburn.

He was born March 13, 1943, in Auburn to Orris and Troas (May) Wise. His mother survives in Auburn and his father preceded him in death.

He married Mary Beth Klejnot on May 15, 1986, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, John Wise II of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Brian Wise of Andover, Minn., Kenneth Opliger of Indiana, and Dallas W. McDiffitt Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Amy Wise of Storm Lake, Iowa, and Beth Ann Aldrich of Waterloo; and nine grandchildren.

A private memorial service by invitation will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Magginis

ORLAND — Edna L. "Tilli" Magginis, 91, of Toledo, Ohio, died Sunday in Lake Park Nursing Home in Sylvania, Ohio.

She was a former resident of Orland.

Mrs. Magginis worked for Ohio Bell for 40 years. She was a member of the Pioneers of Ohio and was a past officer and member of the Lake Pleasant Cottage Owners Association. She traveled with her great grandchildren to their swim meets and will be deeply missed.

She was born Feb. 19, 1908, in Spokane, Wash. to Ben and Edith (Quigley) Quigley, both now deceased.

She married Howard "Mac" Magginis, who preceded her in death. She also was preceded in death by a son, William H. Magginis Sr., and a daughter, Carmen Jean Magginis.

Surviving are a sister, Ruth Marshall of Garrett; her grandsons, William Magginis Jr. (and wife, Jill) of Toledo, and Sean Magginis of London, Ohio; granddaughters Brigid Matthews (and husband, John) and Kelly Magginis, both of Toledo; great-grandchildren Nancy and William H. Magginis III and Clint and Laura Matthews; special nieces, Denise Garman (and husband, Zip) and Cheri Hatch; special nephews, Carl, Earl and Ralph Andrews.

There will be no visitation. Funeral services will be private. Arrangements were made by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Gladys L Bell**, 85, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Plato United Methodist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Albina Hanish

AUBURN — Albina Hanish, 95, died Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Greenville, Ohio.

Mrs. Hanish was a former Auburn resident and had lived in Greenville for 4 1/2 years. She had worked as a pharmaceutical manager. She was a a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and enjoyed cooking and needlepoint.

She was born Feb. 15, 1904, in Bridgeport, Conn., to the late John and Carolyn (Trup) Sarnik.

She married George Hanish in Bridgeport, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a stepgrandson, Joe Hanish (and wife, Vicki) of Greenville; two stepgrandsons, Todd and Troy Hanish, both of Greenville; and one stepgreat-grandson, Matthew Hanish.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will take place in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the American Cancer Society, or the American Heart Association.

Veronica Harkenrider

NEW HAVEN — Veronica M. Harkenrider, 84, died Monday at Harborside Healthcare, New Haven.

Mrs. Harkenrider was born Aug. 1, 1915, in Monroeville. She retired in 1979 after 11 years as a school patrol guard for St. John's Catholic School in New Haven. She was formerly employed at General Electric Co. and General Tire & Rubber. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven, and its Rosary Sodality. She taught CCD classes for 20 years.

Surviving her are three daughters, Joyce Martin of New Haven, Joan Wolff of Auburn and Janice Krusen of Fort Wayne; three sons, Delmar of Gross Pointe Woods, Mich., Gerald of Springfield, Ohio, and Robert of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Walter Gremaux of Monroeville, Joseph Gremaux of Decatur, Arnold Gremaux of Corunna, and Lloyd Gremaux of New Haven; two sisters, Dorothy Gray of Celina, Ohio, and Eleanor Kelble of Payne, Ohio; 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in June 1999, and a sister, Elsie Snyder, in 1991.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-9 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven. A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will take place in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses or Heartland Home Healthcare & Hospice.

Jeff Shumaker

AUBURN — Jeff L. Shumaker, 38, died this morning in Saint Francis County, Mo.

Mr. Shumaker was a truck driver for Central Trucking. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He was born Dec. 27, 1961, in Auburn, to Ned and Eva (Beller) Shumaker. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

Also surviving him are three brothers, Richard Reynolds and Michael Reynolds, both of Auburn, and Gary Shumaker of Irvine, Calif.; and one sister, Cheryl Burnett of Elizabeth, Colo.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. There will be no calling hours.

Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Kenneth Till

WATERLOO — Kenneth Till, 71, died Tuesday at 10 p.m. in his Waterloo home.

Mr. Till worked in machine maintenance at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring in 1993. He served in the National Guard and was discharged in 1945. He was a member of the Butler Eagles Lodge and Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born May 1, 1928, in Fort Wayne to the late Orie and Irene (Hensey) Till.

He married Betty Young on June 25, 1976, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth Till Jr. and Steve Till, both of Angola; one daughter, Joyce Dobbert of Angola; one stepson, Donald Smith Jr. of Fort Myers, Fla.; three stepdaughters, Deborah Deitschel, Christina Federspiel and Cathy Clendenen, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jim Till of Hamilton and Sam Till of Fort Wayne; one sister, Dorothy Peterson of New Port Richey, Fla.; seven grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild, and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. There will be no funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Florence C. Ashton**, 97, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Baker

GARRETT — Charles B. Baker, 99, died Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where he had resided since March 1998.

Mr. Baker was a lifetime Garrett resident. He was a clerk on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 38 years, retiring in 1968. He was a member of the Garrett Elks and Eagles lodges, and First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born March 25, 1900, in Garrett to the late Jerimiah and Jennie (Mills) Baker.

He married Evelyn M. Miller on Nov. 9, 1932, in Albion, and she died Oct. 7, 1992.

Surviving him are a daughter, Judy Snider (and husband, Gary) of Garrett; two granddaughters, Mona Rowe of Garrett and Dena Knott (and husband, Jeff) of Garrett; and six great-grandchildren, Logan Rowe, Lincoln Rowe, Kerrigan Knott, Keegan Knott, Tasha Knott and Kyle Knott, all of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jim, John and Fred, and three sisters, Mary Calder, Julia Baker and Thelma Baker.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Robert Ellis

WINONA LAKE — Robert B. Ellis, 96, died today in Mason Health Care Center in Warsaw.

Mr. Ellis was an accountant at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 22 years. He was a 1925 graduate of Indiana University and was a member of the Hoosier 100 Marching Band. He lived in Kosciusko County for 20 years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Warsaw, Garrett Masonic Lodge 537, Fort Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite, and Indiana University Varsity Club.

He was born June 17, 1903, in Waynetown to the late Charles H. and Carrie L. (Thompson) Ellis.

He married Helen Dawson on Nov. 24, 1927, and she died in September 1941. He then married Ella Trimble on Dec. 25, 1943, in Lafayette and she died June 6, 1994.

Surviving him are one niece, Jean Sanders (and husband, Mark) of Warsaw; and one nephew, Jerry Kyle of Naperville, Ill.

His memorial service will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Grace Village Chapel in Winona Lake, with the Rev. D. Robert Griffith officiating. Burial will take place in Waynetown Masonic Cemetery in Waynetown.

There will be no calling. Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace Village Retirement Community, P.O. Box 337, Winona Lake IN 46590 or American Cancer Society, 535 W. Edison Unit 6, Mishawaka IN 46545.

Jeff Shumaker

AUBURN — A memorial service for Jeff L. Shumaker, 38, has been scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. He died Wednesday morning in Saint Francis County, Mo.

There will be no calling hours. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date.

Mr. Shumaker was a truck driver for Central Trucking. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He was born Dec. 27, 1961, in Auburn, to Ned and Eva (Beller) Shumaker. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

Also surviving him are three brothers, Richard Reynolds and Michael Reynolds, both of Auburn, and Gary Shumaker of Irvine, Calif.; and one sister, Cheryl Burnett of Elizabeth, Colo.

Donald Smith

BURBANK, Calif. — Donald W. Smith, 79, died Wednesday at 2 p.m. in his home in Burbank.

He was a retired factory worker, and lived in Waterloo before moving to California in 1962. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the United Pentecostal Tabernacle of California.

Mr. Smith was born July 6, 1920, in Lima, Ohio, to the late William and Mary (Hamilton) Smith.

He married Lillian Beckwith in 1941, and she survives.

Also surviving are eight daughters, including Linda Hamman of Waterloo; one son; one brother, Mike Smith of Illinois; one sister, Thelma of Colorado; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday in Pierce Brothers Balhala Funeral Home in Hollywood, Calif. Burial will take place in the funeral home's cemetery.

The Evening Star, Fri., Aug. 6, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

COLUMBIA CITY — **John Allen Conley**, 28, was found dead Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 30 minutes before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Eileen Van Trees Deutsch**, 38, died Wednesday. Funeal Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

The Evening Star, Sat., Aug. 7, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Johne Erwin

PLEASANT LAKE — Johne Erwin, 76, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Erwin retired as postmaster of the Pleasant Lake Post office. He drove a school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for several years. He also was a retail milk delivery man for Sunrise Dairy, and he owned Erwin Market in Pleasant Lake.

He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, the Grand Old Iron Club and the Postmasters Association.

He was born Nov. 17, 1922, in Angola to the late Carl and Lillie May (Rinehart) Erwin.

On June 25, 1944, he married Etta Mae (Alleshouse) Erwin, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Erwin of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Carlton Erwin of Angola; a sister, Lila Allen of Angola; and a granddaughter, a stepgranddaughter, a great-granddaughter and a stepgreat-grandchild.

The family will be receiving friends at the Erwin residence Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

Friends also may call at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, on Monday from noon to 2 p.m. Services will follow at 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home with the Rev. Glenda Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pleasant Lake Lions Club.

Robert Pekrul

ANGOLA — Robert B. Pekrul, 60, of Angola, died Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pekrul was the owner of the Good News Book Store in downtown Angola. He previously worked at U.S. Naval Avionics, Indianapolis, for 20 years; as an engineer at Magnavox; as general manager for Richard Bagan Co. of Columbia City; and was the plant manager at Fiberlite in Angola before becoming owner of the Good News Book Store.

He was a Vietnam veteran, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the 101 Lake Kiwanis Club and served on the board of directors for Steuben County Habitat for Humanity.

He was born Aug. 28, 1938, in Charlevoix, Mich., to Rudolph and Ruth (Hinton) Pekrul. His father survives at home.

On Sept. 24, 1966, he married Janice (Waggoner) Pekrul, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Pekrul of Indianapolis; a daughter, Jody Boyd (and husband, Aaron) of Whitehall, Mich.; a brother, Richard Pekrul of Bradenton, Fla.; a sister, Roberta Gorman of Phoenix; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the church, with Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to Steuben County Habitat for Humanity.

G. Lucile Johnson

HUDSON — G. Lucile Johnson, 89, died Friday at 6 p.m. in her Hudson home.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Deaths/Funerals

Carolyn Nickols

HAMILTON — Carolyn L. Nickols, 78, of Hamilton, died Sunday at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Nickols was a homemaker. She previously worked at Hook's Drug Store in Angola and at Hamilton Real Estate and Auction Service, Hamilton.

She was born March 7, 1921, in South Bend to the late John and Irene Kendrick.

On April 3, 1947, she married Dale D. Nickols, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Rudy Mezosi of Phoenix, Randy Nickols of Hamilton and Brad Nickols of St. Joe; a brother, Al Kendrick of San Diego; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Ann Kendrick.

Friends may call Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Keith R. Newport

FORT WAYNE — Keith R. Newport, 82, died Sunday at Harborside Health Care Center, New Haven.

Mr. Newport was born in Hoagland. In 1979 he retired after 26 years as owner of Newport Masonry.

Surviving are his wife, Faye; two daughters, Darlene Schurg of Woodburn and Karen Newport of Fort Wayne; two sons, Grover of Texas and Kevin of Germany; three stepdaughters, Cathy Craig of Fremont, Judy Apollo of Fort Wayne and Twyla Schmidt of South Carolina; three sisters, Ardetha Ely of Harlan, Thelma Poyser of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Jean Frey of Lamar, Colo.; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930-E, New Haven.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association or Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice.

John Teders

FORT WAYNE — John Teders, 43, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne to John and Geraldine Teders. They survive in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Teders was a supervisor of Triple Crown.

Surviving are his wife, Pam; four daughters, Charity Aguirre, Linette Teders and Kimberley Teders, all of Fort Wayne, and Jonnie Krouse of St. Joseph, Mich.; three sisters, Annette Teders of Fort Wayne, Geraldette Fromn of Kimmell, and Dr. Karlette Teders of Richmond; a brother, Michael Teders of Orland; and one grandchild.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road.

Preferred memorials are to Gamma Knife Project in the IU Medical Center.

G. Lucile Johnson

HUDSON — G. Lucile Johnson, 89, of Hudson, died at 6 p.m. Friday in her residence.

She was born in Van Wert, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1910, to Emil and Ethel (Urton) Gratz. On Oct. 19, 1939, in Allen, Mich., she married Homer E. Johnson. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1997.

Mrs. Johnson had resided in Hudson since 1944. She was a homemaker and did baby sitting for 20 years. She was a Girl Scout leader and member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie Clark of Pleasant Lake, and Beverly McClarren of Findlay, Ohio; three sons, Russell N. Johnson of Huntington, Lowell J. Johnson of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Earl B. Johnson of Harlan; a sister, Dorothy I. Blair of Hillsdale, Mich.; 21 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Stephen Johnson and Michael Johnson.

Funeral services were today at 11 a.m. in Hudson United Methodist Church with the Rev. Craig Burkholder and the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Jeane E. Rensberger**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 3-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Herbert L. Clark**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Fruripp-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dora Belle Martz**, 90, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there one hour before services Tuesday.

The Evening Star, Tues., Aug. 10, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

G. Lucile Johnson

HUDSON — G. Lucile Johnson, 89, of Hudson, died at 6 p.m. Friday in her residence.

She was born in Van Wert, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1910, to Emil and Ethel (Urton) Gratz. On Oct. 19, 1939, in Allen, Mich., she married Homer E. Johnson. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1997.

Mrs. Johnson had resided in Hudson since 1944. She was a homemaker and did baby sitting for 20 years. She was a Girl Scout leader and member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie Clark of Pleasant Lake, and Beverly McClarren of Findlay, Ohio; three sons, Russell N. Johnson of Huntington, Lowell J. Johnson of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Earl B. Johnson of Harlan; a sister, Dorothy I. Blair of Hillsdale, Mich.; 21 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Stephen Johnson and Michael Johnson.

Funeral services were Monday at 11 a.m. in Hudson United Brethren Church with the Rev. Craig Burkholder and the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

(This obituary is being reprinted to correct an error.

Willo F. Ungemach, M.D.

Aug 10 1999

Fort Wayne

Willo F. Ungemach, M.D., 70, of Fort Wayne, who enjoyed medicine and flying, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 1999, at St. Joseph Hospital.

The Fort Wayne native practiced internal medicine for 39 years, was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and an Air Force veteran. Surviving are daughters Dana Vendreley of Auburn and Deborah A. Graves of Gallatin, Tenn.; sons Douglas M. of Decatur, David W. of Dayton, Ohio, and Daniel F. of Woodburn; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

His wife, Mary Ann, preceded him in death.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave. There is no calling. Memorials are to Indiana University Medical Center or Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Perkins

GARRETT — Paul D. Perkins, 74, died Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Perkins retired in 1987 as a supervisor at Electric Motors in Garrett with 36 years of service. He enjoyed doing work on small motors.

He was born April 6, 1925, in Jackson, Ky., to the late Lee O. and Letha (Little) Perkins.

He married Mary L. Turner on Jan. 4, 1943, in Jackson, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Victor A. Perkins (and wife, Denice) of Garrett; two sisters, Nellie Turner of Erie, Pa., and Juanita Koss of Galesburg, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Vic P. Perkins and Kelly Perkins, both of Garrett, and Danna England of Winchester.

He was preceded in death by two infant sons, Billy Ray and Danny Perkins; two sisters, Mary Perkins and Nancy Shellman; and three brothers, Elzie, James and Raymond Perkins.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will take place in Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Adeline Donley

KENDALLVILLE — Adeline J. Donley, 73, of Kendallville, died in the home of her daughter, Sheila Jones. She had been in failing health for the past month.

She was born in Stroh on June 25, 1926, to George and Dorthy (Getts) Emerick. On Nov. 24, 1951, in Angola, she married Henry F. Donley. He preceded her in death Oct. 22, 1988.

Mrs. Donley was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are five daughters, Sheila K. Jones of Rome City, Mrs. Roger (Stella) Holliday of Auburn, Mrs. Dean (Dennielle) Hippenhammer of Ligonier, Mrs. Wesley (Eileen) Haines Jr. of Kendallville, and Mrs. LaMar (Marjorie) Rhul of Angola; a nephew, Gregory C. Emerick, who was raised by Mrs. Donley; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Emerick of Hudson.

Three brothers, Clifford E. Emerick, George "Jock" Emerick and Maynard Emerick, and two sisters, Violet I. Elkins and Mary A. Eagleson, preceded her in death, along with two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care or the Kidney Foundation.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Genevieve L. Brendel**, 88, died Monday. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — **Lucille Spencer**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **George H. Herrick**, 83, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Donald Kelley

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Donald G. Kelley, 74, died Friday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Kelley retired in 1986 as a supervisor of test specimens at Pratt-Whitney. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He had lived in West Palm Beach since 1958 and was a member of the First Christian Church in West Palm Beach.

Surviving him are his wife of 26 years, Donna Belle King, formerly of Auburn; two sons, Glenn of Florida and DeWayne of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother, H. DeWayne Kelley of Greensburg, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

His first wife, Eileen Harger Kelley, preceded him in death in 1971.

His funeral service took place Monday at E. Earl Smith & Sons Memory Gardens in Lake Worth, Fla. Burial was in Royal Palm Cemetery in West Palm Beach.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Van Fund, First Christian Church, 215 S. Congress St., West Palm Beach FL 33409.

Deaths/Funerals

Clarren Boger

AUBURN — Clarren L. Boger, 91, died Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Boger retired as vice president and production manager for the Auburn Rubber Co. after working there from 1922 to 1959.

He was the mayor of Auburn from 1963 to 1967, and served on the Past Mayors Advisory Board.

He was an active member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, serving as a past trustee and on the building and grounds committees. He was a 50-year member of DeKalb Lodge 214, F.& A.M., a 32nd-degree Mason and 50-year member with the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and a member of Mizpah Shrine.

He was born Oct. 1, 1907, in Auburn Junction to the late Clarrence and Lydia (Rudolph) Boger.

He married Fanny Varner on July 18, 1931, in Peru, Ind., and she died July 22, 1991.

Surviving him are one daughter, Kathleen Wachel (and her husband, John) of Iowa City, Iowa; and one sister, Alice Draggoo (and her husband, James) of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Harold, and Safara; and one sister, Marie Zulich.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A Masonic service will be held Friday evening in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mandi DeClue

KENDALLVILLE — Mandi L. DeClue, 6, of Kendallville, died Wednesday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in an auto accident Sunday.

DeClue

She was born June 4, 1993, in Kendallville to Kevin and Kelly (Brinker) DeClue. Her father survives in Garrett, and her mother, Kelly Campbell, survives in Kendallville.

Surviving with her parents are her stepfather, Jerry Campbell II of Kendallville; two sisters, Karssea DeClue and Kenosha DeClue, both of Kendallville; her maternal grandmother, Cerinda Brinker of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Richard DeClue and Barbara Hopkins, both of Missouri; her great-grandfather, Robert Goebel of Garrett; and her stepgrandparents, Jerry and Kris Campbell of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Roberts officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. until services at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Indiana Organ Procurement Association of Indianapolis, in memory of Mandi L. DeClue.

Betty Collins

HAMILTON — Betty M. Collins, 86, of Gaston, died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Yorktown Health Care Center in Yorktown where she had been a patient two years.

She was born Nov. 9, 1912, in Porter County to Fredrick Balch and Ethel Elsie (Oberlin) Hanes. On June 4, 1932, she married H. Cleo Collins, who preceded her in death Nov. 8, 1981.

Mrs. Collins grew up in Hamilton and moved to Connersville where she graduated from high school in 1929. She graduated from Ball State Teachers College in Muncie in 1932. She and her husband lived in Dunkirk before moving to Gaston in 1939 where she taught school in both Gaston and Harrison Township schools. A well-known businesswoman, she assisted her husband in the operation of the former Collins IGA Supermarket for 33 years, retiring in 1975.

She was a member of Gaston United Methodist Church and Matthews Order of the Eastern Star 486.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Thrine of Gaston; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary R. and Jane Collins of Sumter, S.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Onalee Hanes of Ocala, Fla.; a sister, Mary Jane Griffith of Hamilton; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Hanes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Gaston United Methodist Church with the Rev. John M. Long and the Rev. Edwin C. Pile officiating. Burial will be in Thompson Cemetery, west of Gaston.

Visitation will be at the church from 5-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Gaston United Methodist Church.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Thurs., Aug 12, 1999 (cont'd)

Lawrence Beaty

ANGOLA — Lawrence W. Beaty, 69, of Angola, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beaty had lived in Angola for 20 years after moving from Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Maumee Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne, and the Mizpah Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 25, 1929, in Fort Wayne to the late Oscar L. and Lela (Lewton) Beaty.

On March 26, 1966, he married Gladys (Grove) Beaty, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Bob and Terry, both of Minneapolis and Larry of Angola; a daughter, Tracy Li of Las Vegas; a brother, Donald of Angola; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Edna Reetz

WATERLOO, Iowa — Edna F. Reetz, 88, died Monday at 8 a.m. in her home in Waterloo, Iowa.

She was a former Auburn resident and a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, where she was confirmed in her faith on Aug. 27, 1959.

Mrs. Reetz was born Sept. 9, 1910, in Garrett to the late Della Kruse.

Her first husband, Alphonse H. Ball, preceded her in death. Her second husband, Harold D. Reetz, also preceded her in death, on March 31, 1990.

Surviving her are a stepson, Virgil "Nyles" Reetz of Waterloo, Iowa; and one sister, Ardella Smethers of Fort Wayne.

One brother, Clarence Wyatt, preceded her in death on Nov. 3, 1985.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Sid Short officiating. There is no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

The Evening Star, Fri., Aug. 13, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Walter Krontz

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Walter Paul Krontz, 88, died Wednesday morning at his home in Three Rivers following a lengthy illness.

He had moved to the area about two years ago, and worked most of his life as a laborer.

Mr. Krontz was born July 21, 1911, in Butler to the late George and Martha (Miller) Krontz.

He married Mary Jean (Powers) Krontz on June 11, 1981, in Union City, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are six daughters, Laura Lee Strong, Patricia May Shaw, Joyce Ann Thomas, Mary Carol Wheeler, Shirley Kay Bassett and Debra Sue Hicks; three sons, James Paul, Roger Lynn and Walter Paul Krontz Jr.; two stepdaughters, Linda Gearhart and Nancy Lee Jackson; one sister, Dorothy West; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held.

Hohner Funeral Home in Three Rivers is in charge of arrangements.

David Yeager Jr.

VILLA HILLS, Ky. — David "Corky" Yeager Jr., 50, died Aug. 7 in his Villa Hills home after a lengthy battle with lung cancer.

He had served as the director of pupil personnel for the Kenton County, Ky., Board of Education since 1989. As director, he created programs that promoted self-esteem and teen drug awareness, such as the Teen Leadership Conference, Creating Leaders Conference, and Students Trained Around Right Thinking (START). He also developed the Kenton County alternative school for at-risk youth and the Extended School Program.

He was a teacher at Dixie Heights High School in Edgewood, Ky., from 1972 to 1989, teaching business and coaching the golf team. He led the team to a second-place finish in the state in 1973.

He was a member of Latonia Christian Church in Covington, Ky.

Surviving him are his wife, Kathy Freed Albers Yeager, a DeKalb High School graduate; a daughter, Lyndsey Yeager of Villa Hills; two stepdaughters, Kim Albers and Shelley Albers, both of Villa Hills; his father, David Sr. of Hyde Park; a brother, Tom of Fort Wayne; a sister, Judy Tilton of Anderson Township; his mother- and father-in-law, Virginia and Everett Freed of Waterloo; two brothers-in-law, Jim Freed (and wife, Tonya) of Waterloo and Keith Freed (and wife, Tammy) of Butler.

His funeral service was held Wednesday at Latonia Christian Church. Burial took place in Mother of God Cemetery in Fort Wright.

Memorial contributions may be sent to David Yeager Memorial Fund, in care of Peoples Banks of Crescent Springs, 2446 Anderson Road, Crescent Springs KY 41017.

Evening Star, Fri. Aug. 13, 1999 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marjorie M. Kneller**, 79, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Grace Lutheran Church, Columbia City. Calling is from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Sunday.

The Evening Star, Sat., Aug. 14, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

LaVon Monroe

WOLCOTTVILLE — LaVon Elaine Monroe, 60, of Wolcottville, died Friday at 9:20 a.m. at her home. She had been in failing health for about three years.

An office secretary at Lincoln Life, Mrs. Monroe was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo.

She was born Dec. 7, 1938, in Noble County to Alfred and Naomi (Renkenberger) Fulk, both of whom are deceased.

On Feb. 20, 1960, in Columbia City she married Oscar Monroe, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sherrie Mitchell of Crossville, Tenn.; one brother, Richard Fulk of Avilla; two sisters, Doris Householder of Albion and Betty Huffman of Albion; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Seven brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Her funeral will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating.

Burial will take place Monday in the South Milford Cemetery.

Memorial donations to Parkview Home Health and Hospice are preferred.

Walter Krontz

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Walter Paul Krontz, 88, died Wednesday morning at his home in Three Rivers following a lengthy illness.

He had moved to the area about two years ago, and worked most of his life as a laborer.

Mr. Krontz was born July 21, 1911, in Butler to the late George and Martha (Miller) Krontz.

He married Pauline Helen Beckwith in 1931 in Butler, and she died May 3, 1975. He then married Mary Jean (Powers) Krontz on June 11, 1981, in Union City, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are six daughters, Laura Lee Strong of Fremont, Patricia May Shaw of Orland, Joyce Ann Thomas, Mary Carol Wheeler and Shirley Kay Bassett, all of Butler, and Debra Sue Hicks of Kendallville; three sons, James Paul, Roger Lynn of Burlington, Mich., and Walter Paul Krontz Jr. of Fremont; two stepdaughters, Linda Gearhart and Nancy Lee Jackson, both of Three Rivers; one sister, Dorothy Williams West of Burlington; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A family service will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Linda Gearhart's home on Pulver Road, Three Rivers. A private service will be held at a later date in Butler.

Hohner Funeral Home in Three Rivers is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Sharon Kiefer

AUBURN — Sharon Adele Kiefer, 46, died Saturday at 12:15 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Kiefer was a teacher, a tutor, and a substitute teacher in DeKalb and area counties. She was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, where she was a former Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher. She was a member of the Auburn Garden Club and secretary of the Northeast Indiana Ataxia Support Group.

She was born Oct. 3, 1952, in Ossian to Edgar and Doris (Dettmer) Werling. They survive in Ossian.

She married Robert Kiefer on Aug. 17, 1974, in Ossian, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Alex Kiefer (and wife, Daniele) of Schaumburg, Ill.; one daughter, Janet Kiefer of Auburn; two brothers, Leon Werling and Darryl Werling, both of Ossian; and two sisters, Diane Fiedler of Woodburn and Linda Broyles of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Ascension Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. John Stube will officiate. Burial will take place in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church building program or the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Johnie Mason

PLEASANT LAKE — Johnie A. Mason, 82, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mason was a carpenter, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge, the Angola Moose Lodge and Local 232 of the Carpenters Union.

He was born Dec. 16, 1916, in Jasper, Ark., to the late Sherman and Ada (Harp) Mason.

Surviving are a son, Bobby Mason of Independence, Mo.; a special care-giver, Donna King of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

J. Robert Frazier

ORLAND — J. Robert Frazier, 82, of Lake Gage, died Saturday at his residence.

Mr. Frazier retired in 1978 from the Frazier Supply Co. in Union City. He started in the family business early in his life and worked his way up to president and owner of the automotive wholesale supply company.

He was a member of the Rotary Club of Angola and the Moose Club of Angola; a member and former president of the Union City Rotary Club; a member and former president of the Union City Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Union City Elks Lodge; a former chairman of the United Fund in Union City; a board member of the Union Trust Co., the Union City Memorial Hospital and the Waterworks Board in Union City; a director of the Automotive Supply Industry Association; and a member of the Indiana Automotive Wholesalers Association.

He was born May 13, 1917, in Union City to the late James A. and Lura (Thompson) Frazier.

On June 28, 1936, he married the former Mary Birum in Union City. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Barbara) Whipple of Rutherfordtown, N.C., and Mrs. Connie Ewbank of Webster Groves, Mo.; four grandchildren, David Whipple (and wife, Xiao-Yan), Tony Whipple (and wife, Patti), Michael Ewbank (and wife, Carrie) and Mary Ann Robinson (and husband, Jack); and three great-grandchildren, Liao Liao, Shayla and Nicholas.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Graveside services will take place at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Union City Cemetery, Union City.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Lynda Staley

AUBURN — Lynda C. Staley, 52, died Friday at 5:33 p.m. in a traffic accident on Tonkel Road in Allen County.

Mrs. Staley was a recreational therapist at the Indiana State Developmental Center in Fort Wayne for the past 11 years.

She was born Dec. 24, 1946, in Palmer, Tenn., to the late Clell and Mary Elizabeth (Sanders) Lane.

She married Barry Wayne Staley on May 13, 1989, in St. Joe, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Valarie Fisher of Auburn and Stephanie Meredith of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Melinda Staley and Melisa Staley, both of Garrett; two stepsons, Barry Wade Staley and Trevor Staley, both of Garrett; five brothers, Ed Lane, Claude Lane and Tom Lane, all of Palmer, and Ken Lane and Rex Lane, both of Gruetli, Tenn.; five sisters, Ruth Rollins, Mary Sanders and Sue Ann Nunley, all of Manchester, Tenn., Betty Rinehart of Greeley, Colo., and Grace Carter of Muncie; and five grandchildren.

Two brothers, Carl Lane and Clell Lane Jr., and a sister, Sally Lane, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh of Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo will officiate. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

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Victor Kelley

AUBURN — Victor D. Kelley, 76, died Friday at 5:33 p.m. in a traffic accident on Tonkel Road in Allen County.

Mr. Kelley was retired from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and worked in the maintenance department at Kruse International. He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and DeKalb Lodge 214, F.& A.M., in Auburn. He lived on First Street in Auburn.

He was born May 12, 1923.

His wife, Vivian M. Kelley, died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne shortly after the accident as a result of her injuries from the crash. They were married over 50 years.

Surviving him are one son, Edwin L. Kelley of Auburn; two daughters, Janet K. Nichols of Leo and Vicki Gadson of Palm Bay, Fla.; one brother, Ernie Kelley; three sisters, Wanda McKnabb and Peggy Jenkins, both of Leo, and Madonna Morr of Michigan; five grandchildren, Ryan Myers and Kelly Miller, both of Auburn, Shelly Newman of Fishers, Alishia Webb of Leo and Amy Parrish of Bombay, Fla.; and four great-grandchildren.

One son, Steve Kelley, preceded him in death in 1986.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. William R. Kaster officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Vivian Kelley

AUBURN — Vivian Maxine Kelley, 76, died Friday evening at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, shortly after a traffic accident on Tonkel Road in Allen County.

She worked in the mailing room at Kruse International and lived on First Street in Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kelley was born May 3, 1923.

Her husband, Victor D. Kelley, died at the scene of the accident. They were married over 50 years.

Surviving her are one son, Edwin L. Kelley of Auburn; two daughters, Janet K. Nichols of Leo and Vicki Gadson of Palm Bay, Fla.; two brothers, Ted Moore of Leesburg, Fla., and Glenn Moore of Spencerville; five grandchildren, Ryan Myers and Kelly Miller, both of Auburn, Shelly Newman of Fishers, Alishia Webb of Leo and Amy Parrish of Bombay, Fla.; and four great-grandchildren.

One son, Steve Kelley, preceded her in death in 1986.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be condcuted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. William R. Kaster officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Raymond Lewis

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond Lewis, 70, of Kendallville, died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday in McCray Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health nine years.

He was born in Wharton, W.Va., Dec. 22, 1928, to Lafayette and Ivory (Perry) Lewis. On Aug. 8, 1981, in Kendallville, he married Anna Mills. She survives.

Mr. Lewis moved to this area from Kentucky 35 years ago. He retired in 1990 from Kendallville Foundry and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mary Stanley, Kathy Marquart and Fay Manns, all of Kendallville, and Jeanne Knox of Topeka; a son, Donald Lewis of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Drema Carrier of Kendallville; two sisters, Miggie Lewis of Lexington, Ky., and Audrey Hicks of Sauersville, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

A sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the United Pentecostal Church, Kendallville.

Robert Porter

OCALA, Fla. — Robert M. Porter, 90, of Ocala, died Friday at Coventry Square, Ocala.

Mr. Porter was the owner and operator of Tyelene's Resort in Cooks, Mich. He was a member of the Mormon Church in Ocala. He loved to hunt and fish.

He was born May 27, 1909, in Fremont to the late Charles and Ethel (Thrasher) Porter.

In 1929, he married the former Bernice Brott, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Charlene Teuton of Ocala and Jackie Quibell of Vicksburg, Mich.; a son, Lawrence Porter of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Wava Frever of Angola; a brother, Richard Porter of California; and 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Porter Jr.; a daughter, Marilyn Tobias; and two brothers.

Friends may call Tuesday from 12:30-2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with Coach Floyd Eby officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Jim Henderson

CORUNNA — Jim C. Henderson, 43, died Monday at his home on County Road 8, Corunna.

He worked at the Auburn Foundry for 20 years. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and GMP Union Local 322.

Mr. Henderson was born Feb. 28, 1956, in Auburn to Glen and Alice (Willard) Henderson. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

Surviving him are three brothers, Lee of St. Louis, Ben of Auburn, and Glen Robert of Monroeville; three sisters, June Evanoff of Los Lunas, N.M., and Dorothy Henderson and Theresa Myers, both of Waterloo; and three stepsisters, Cheryl Hanley of Monroeville, Carol O'Donnell of Engleside, Texas, and Julie Skelly of Ashley.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Bill Romans officiating. Burial will follow in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Everett Julow

WATERLOO — Everett R. Julow, 76, died Sunday at 2:02 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Julow was a farmer and lived on County Road 32, Waterloo.

He was the son of Arthur and Hazel Julow. His mother survives in Garrett. His father is deceased.

He married Helen Ludwiski on July 29, 1961, in Garrett, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving him are two sons, Howard of Waterloo and Dallas of Michigan City; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Tonyua Surfus

GARRETT — Tonyua Sue Surfus, 38, died Friday at 9:55 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Surfus was a homemaker and lived in Garrett. She was a member of Alpha Rho chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Garrett, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and its rosary society and Home and School Association.

She was born Aug. 2, 1961, in Garrett to Richard L. and Norma J. (Mowry) Sechler. They survive in Garrett. She married Paul S. Surfus on Jan. 5, 1990, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, MacKenzie and Tanner, both at home; a daughter, Abigale, at home; a sister, Trisha Miller of Auburn; and a grandmother, Alberta Sechler of Edgerton, Ohio.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, where a rosary service will be held at 5 p.m. and a Psi Iota Xi service will begin tonight at 8.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School, or Lutheran Hospital Women's Cancer.

Joe Starkey

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Joe Starkey will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 N. Williams St., Angola. The Rev. Donald Meyers will lead the service.

Orville Wiley

ANGOLA — Orville L. Wiley, 88, of Angola and formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Wiley worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, where he served as trustee from 1957-59 and as a deacon from 1960-74.

He was born Feb. 22, 1911, in DeKalb County to the late James and Alta (Gump) Wiley.

On July 24, 1934, he married the former Opal Rinehold, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Jack (and wife, Ann) of Des Moines, Iowa; a daughter, Judy Underwood (and husband, George) of Angola; two brothers, Howard and Ray Wiley, both of Garrett; a sister, Ruth Griffin of Garrett; four grandchildren, Kim Wiley of West Branch, Iowa, Kip Wiley of Orlando, Fla., Vicki Means of Orland and Kristi Kotowski of Angola; and five great-grandchildren, Beth and Michelle Means, Brack Bingham, Megan Kotowski and Travis Dixon.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Martha Stimon.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church or the Steuben County Alzheimer's Support Group.

Raymond Walter

FREMONT — Raymond C. Walter, 84, of Fremont, died Sunday in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walter farmed for most of his life. He was born Aug. 29, 1914, in Fremont to the late Enos and Zula (Bates) Walter.

On Nov. 9, 1946, he married the former Iris June Duncan, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Ted (and wife, Toby) of Fremont; a daughter, Debbie Stroh (and husband, Bud) of Fremont; two stepsons, Roger Follett (and wife, Norma) of Phoenix, and Ronald Follett (and wife, Jan) of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

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Hollis Bonifas

DECATUR — Hollis D. "Holly" Bonifas, 77, died Monday at 12:06 a.m. at Adams County Hospital, Decatur.

He retired in 1979 with 35 years of service from Navistar in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur, and Decatur Masonic Lodge 571, F.&A.M., Scottish Rite Valley.

Mr. Bonifas was born Sept. 4, 1921, in Delphos, Ohio, to the late Philip and Violet (Willison) Bonifas.

He married Kathryn Hook on July 4, 1942, in Decatur, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Polly A. Alexander (and husband, Martin) of Auburn; one son, Rick Bonifas of Decatur; two sisters, Phyllis Shaffer and Marylene Tutewiler, both of Decatur; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One sister, Thelmalene Bonifas, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur. A Masonic service will be conducted Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Zion United Church of Christ, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Don Brown will officiate. Burial will take place in Backesto Cemetery, Monroe.

Memorial contributions may be given to Decatur Masonic Lodge or Adams County Home Health Care.

Carole Stout

COLUMBIA CITY — Carole D. Stout, 58, of Union Township near Columbia City, died at 12:15 p.m. Monday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health since March and had entered the hospital Thursday.

She was born Dec. 14, 1940, to Donald and Helen (Widner) Bergman. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne. On Jan. 4, 1964, in Lake Township, she married James D. Stout. He also survives.

Mrs. Stout grew up in Harlan and was a 1958 graduate of Harlan High School. Following her marriage she lived in Fort Wayne several years, moving to Union Township in 1966. She was employed in the office of the former White Automotive in Columbia City.

Surviving with her husband and mother are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey A. and Melissa Stout of Columbia City; a sister, Bonnie DuCharne of Fort Wayne; six brothers, Donald and Judy Bergman and David Bergman, all of fort Wayne, and Dale and Marsha Bergman and Rex and Toni Bergman, all of Harlan, Ronnie Bergman of Woodburn, and Harold and Linda Bergman of Butler; and a grandson, Justin Stout.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Ralph Easterhaus, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Memorials go to St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township or the American Cancer Society.

Raymond Lewis

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond Lewis, 70, of Kendallville, died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday in McCray Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health nine years.

He was born in Wharton, W.Va., Dec. 22, 1928, to Lafayette and Ivory (Perry) Lewis. On Aug. 8, 1981, in Kendallville, he married Anna Mills. She survives.

Mr. Lewis moved to this area from Kentucky 44 years ago. He retired in 1990 from Kendallville Foundry after 35 years and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Also surviving are four daughters, Mary Stanley, Kathy Marquart and Faye Manns, all of Kendallville, and Jeanne Felder of Shipshewana; a son, Donald Lewis of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Drema Carrier of Kendallville; two sisters, Clara Mae "Miggie" Lewis of Lexington, Ky., and Audrey Hicks of Sauersville, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren. A sister, Berniece Blankenship, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the United Pentecostal Church, Kendallville.

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Louis Spatt

FORT WAYNE — Louis A. Spatt, 76, died Saturday in University Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

He was past owner of Spatt Plumbing & Heating, retiring in 1985 after 35 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Spatt was born Jan. 1, 1923, in Fort Wayne to the late Anthony and Celeste Spatt.

Surviving him are five daughters, Madeline A. Walburn of Auburn, Sandra K. Brough, Debra J. Nielson and Sharon Zwick, all of Fort Wayne, and Linda Cunningham of Brownsburg; two sons, Louis A. Spatt Jr. and Larry C. Spatt, both of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Pauline Zent and Rose Zent, preceded him in death.

His funeral service was held today at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2100 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne. Burial took place in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church pantry or the American Cancer Society.

Mungovan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Edna Kurvers

BUTLER — Edna A. Kurvers, 67, died Sunday at 2:15 p.m. in Butler.

Mrs. Kurvers was a factory worker for 11 years at Halex Industry, Hamilton, and lived in Butler for many years. She was a member of the Butler Eagles Auxiliary and the Women's Bowling Association.

She was born Aug. 26, 1931, in Chicago to the late Edwin Carl and Sadie Rosetta (Peterson) Fischer.

She married Harold Evans Sr., who survives in Hamilton. She later married Theodore Kurvers, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Harold Eugene Evans of Butler; five daughters, Patricia Beatty, Jeanie Sue DeLong, Carol Ann Evanoff and Janie Lynn Wade, all of Butler, and Judy Rae Evanoff of Fort Wayne; a very special friend, Rita Brown of Butler; one brother, Edwin C. Fischer, of Adams, Wis.; four sisters, Clara Marie Votteler of St. John, Ind., Edith L. Klumb and Evelyn Jean Carter, both of Chicago, and Helen O. Payne of Calumet City, Ill.; 23 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Two daughters, Linda Sue and Anita Fay Evans, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Lavon Kittle of St. Joe River of Life Church officiating. Burial will take place in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Ronald Lockwood

AUBURN — Ronald D. Lockwood, 81, died Tuesday at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Lockwood was a long-time dairy and grain farmer. He retired in 1979.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, flying in the B-29 Flying Fortress as a gunner engineer. He served for a time on the DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation Board, and was a member of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Nov. 11, 1917, in Auburn, to Chester A. and Joyce M. (Beard) Lockwood.

He married Dorothy O. Parker on May 22, 1941, in Wolcottville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, DeWayne and Kenneth, both of Waterloo; a daughter, Anna Rose Powers of Rockford, Ill.; four brothers, Bernard of Auburn, Willis of Hamilton, and Dayton and Clifford, both of Waterloo; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Lockwood.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

A funeral service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene.

Evelyn Huff

BUTLER — Evelyn I. Huff, 79, died Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Huff was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was a member of the Newville Church of Christ and its ladies aid, and the Milford Community Club in Edgerton, Ohio.

She was born May 30, 1920, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Claron H. and Alta F. (Perry) Doub.

She married Donald M. Huff on June 24, 1939, in Hicksville, and he died April 1, 1995.

Surviving her are two sons Duane Huff (and wife, Elsie) of Butler and Harold Huff of Auburn; one daughter, Patricia Surface (and husband, Fred) of Butler; a half-brother, Michael Dean Doub of Middlebury; three grandchildren, four stepgrandsons, and five step-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Loyal Doub and Max Doub, and a half-sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the Newville Church of Christ. Burial will take place in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Marie DuCharme

AUBURN — Marie DuCharme, 93, died Tuesday at 6 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided since January 1997.

Mrs. DuCharme lived most of her life in Hicksville, Ohio, and lived in Fort Wayne for 12 years after her retirement. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Hicksville and its Martha Class, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 26, 1906, in Branch County, Mich., to the late Emmet and Matilda (Pierman) Ginther.

She married Raymond DuCharme in 1934 and he died in 1975.

Surviving her are one daughter, Sharon Silvarman (and husband, Lionel) of Auburn; two sons, Duane DuCharme (and wife, Marcia) of Columbia City and Loren DuCharme (and wife, Normandy) of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Mamie Ginther of Hicksville; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Herbert, Irving and George Ginther, and one sister, Myrtle Mills.

Friends may call today after 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Greg Inboden will officiate. Burial will take place in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Gerald Pierce

FORT WAYNE — Gerald F. Pierce, 94, died Tuesday at Applewood Health & Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

He was a machinist with General Electric Co. for 40 years, retiring in 1968. A fisherman and hunter, he helped to organize the Southwest Conservation Club. He was a member of the Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church.

Mr. Pierce was born Feb. 25, 1905, in LaGrange County to the late Jay and Ella (Lamp) Pierce.

Surviving him are a son, Donald J. Pierce of Cupertino, Calif.; a grandson, Todd Pierce of Tustin, Calif.; and a niece, Carol Gallmeyer.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6600 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne IN 46809.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Keith Todd**, 79, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in South Milford Church of Christ. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ruth Burgoyne

ANDERSON — Ruth Dunakin Burgoyne, 94, died Saturday.

Mrs. Burgoyne was a teacher in Ohio schools and later was a substitute teacher in the Auburn schools. She lived in Hicksville, Ohio, from 1938-1946, in Auburn from 1946-1982, and in Anderson since 1982.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and Auburn Chapter 103 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had served as worthy matron of Eastern Star in Ohio.

She was born April 28, 1905, in Crane Township, Ohio.

She married Glenn Merritt Burgoyne on April 28, 1928, and he died June 17, 1988.

Surviving her are two daughters, Hope Boden (and husband, William H.) of Auburn and Jane Beeler (and husband, Franklin K.) of Anderson; one sister, Ruby Gates of Fort Wayne, two grandchildren, Angela Smith (and husband Jeffrey C.) of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; and William Beeler (and wife, Laura) of Anderson, three great-grandchildren, Elyse Jayne Smith and Brandon Beeler Smith, both of Glen Ellyn, and Lauren Joy Beeler of Anderson; seven nephews and two nieces.

A brother, Charles H. Dunakin, preceded her in death.

A graveside service took place Tuesday in Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Madison County YMCA Endowment Fund, First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, the Auburn Presbyterian Church, or Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio.

Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service, Anderson, was in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Maverick Musser

PLEASANT LAKE — Maverick Luther Musser, 19 months, died Wednesday at 8:12 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was born Jan. 10, 1998, in Fort Wayne to Michael Musser and Mischelle Frazier, who survive at home.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, David and Margaret Frazier of Pleasant Lake; paternal grandparents, Larry and June Musser of Pleasant Lake; great-grandmothers, Naomi Frazier of Fort Wayne and Myrtle Gleason of Fremont; and three brothers, Matthew Shaffer and Michael and Mitchell Musser, all at home.

Calling will take place today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church of Christ, Angola.

Services will begin at noon Saturday in the church with Garry Musser officiating. Burial will be in Hollister Cemetery, Salem Township, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Maverick Musser Fund, care of First Federal Savings Bank, Angola.

Shirley Buttermore

LEIPSIC, Ohio — Shirley Buttermore, 56, died Thursday in Leipsic, Ohio.

Friends may call Saturday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

A full obituary will be published in Saturday's edition.

Donald Lee

ANGOLA — Donald E. Lee, 70, died Wednesday in Angola.

He served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Lee was born Nov. 10, 1928, in Chicago to the late George and Josephine (Fellows) Lee.

Surviving him are two daughters, Jackie Keen (and companion, Larry Baughman) of St. Joe and Deborah Snyder of Kendallville; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with Pastor John Benham officiating. The Fremont post of the American Legion will conduct a military graveside service. There will be no calling.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Quincy Phipps

KENDALLVILLE — Quincy Phipps, 92, died Thursday at 11:10 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Shirley Buttermore

BUTLER — Shirley Buttermore, 56, died Thursday at 10:25 a.m. in Leipsic, Ohio, where she had lived for 2 1/2 months, after an illness of several months.

She previously lived on West Main Street in Butler. She was employed by Universal Tool & Stamping Co., now Dura, in Butler for 28 years. She was involved in helping handicapped people and her grandchildren were important to her. She attended New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo. She attended school in St. Joe and graduated from Hicksville High School.

She was born Feb. 12, 1943, to Paul and Mildred (Matlock) Ward. Her mother survives in Hastings, Mich., and her father is deceased.

She married Jerry Buttermore, who preceded her in death in 1985.

Surviving her are one daughter, Sherry Betts of Ashley; one son, Terry Ward of Waterloo; one stepdaughter, Debbi Hicks of Flint, Ind.; three brothers, Carl Ward of Bryan, Ohio, Kenneth Ward of Fort Wayne and Denny Ward of Lima, Ohio; four sisters, Lenise Davis of Hastings, Mich., Loretta Miller of Leipsic, Linda Rogers of Middleville, Mich., and Rita Wright of Caty, Texas; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Bradley Buttermore in 1994, and Raymond Easley in 1981; and two brothers, Larry Ward and Eldon Ward.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Her funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with calling after noon. Pastor D. Ray Miller and Loretta Miller will officiate. Burial will follow in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice-St. Rita Hospital in Lima, Ohio.

Lilian Means-Dever

LEO — Lilian Means-Dever, 83, died Friday at 4:15 p.m. in her Leo home.

Mrs. Means-Dever was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church, Auburn, and the Grabill Fireman's Auxiliary, for which she served as District 6 area chaplain. She owned and operated the Leo Cafe with her first husband, Howard, retiring in 1987.

She was born Jan. 20, 1916, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, to the late J. Henry and S. Mildred (Palmer) Kling.

She married Howard L. Means March 1, 1935, in Leo, and he preceded her in death Nov. 7, 1984. On Oct. 24, 1989, in Auburn, she married Urcyl A. Dever, who preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1991. A son, Lloyd Means, died in 1995.

Surviving are four sons, Loren and Lyle Means of Fort Wayne, Lynn Means of Spencerville and Lowell Means of Grabill; three daughters, Joyce Geise of Hamilton, Carolyn Hudson of Leo and Rita Gebo of Grabill; a sister, Gloria Komanec of Spencerville; two stepsons, Carl Dever of Fort Wayne and Jim Dever of Leo; a stepdaughter, Marilyn Dever of Leo; 21 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Carnahan-Baidinger Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Fireman's Auxiliary memorial service will be conducted in the funeral home at 8 p.m. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hopewell United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Darwin Dunten officiating.

Burial will be Scipio Cemetery, Harlan. Memorial gifts may be given to Hopewell Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

John Scogin

FORT WAYNE — John R. Scogin, 77, died Thursday at Byron Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Omaha, Neb., He was a general director with Union Pacific Railroad for 43 years, retiring in 1983. He was a World War II veteran.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, American Legion Post 0001 and VFW Post 1581. He was past president of the Omaha Transportation Club and Omaha Chamber of Commerce Good Fellowship Club.

He is survived by his wife, Lois C.; a son, John R. Scogin Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; a stepson, Dr. Robert A. Conner of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Sheron D. Littlejohn of Auburn; a brother, Georg Jackson of Minneapolis, Minn.; three sisters, Florence Freer of Little Rock, Ark., Marion Johnson of Arlington, Va., and Rita Kiley of Henderson, N.C.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A son, James, a brother, and two sisters preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Crosby, Kunold, Burket and Swanson Funeral Home, 119 West Center Road, Omaha, with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to Open Door Missions, Omaha.

Evening Star, Sat, Aug 21, 1999 (cont'd)

Robert Parsons

ALBION — Robert K. "Robbie" Parsons, 56, died Thursday at 2:12 p.m. in his Albion home.

Mr. Parsons was a self-employed truck driver, a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion. He was an Albion High School graduate and lifelong Albion resident.

He was born Aug. 30, 1942, in Nashville, Ind., to the late Patrick and Geneva (Durham) Parsons. On June 5, 1976, he married Donna L. Wolfe, who survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two sons, Stanley Parrott of Garrett and Thomas Parrott of Albion; two daughters, Teresa Jarnagin of Auburn and Lorena Ambrose of Albion; two sisters, Fran Blevins of Roanoke, and Wanda Blevins of Albion; three brothers, Gene Parsons of Plainfield, Terry Parsons of Goshen and Larry Parsons of Albion; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edna Wildey officiating.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with graveside military services by American Legion Post 246.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Legion post.

Quincy Phipps

GARRETT — Quincy Phipps, 92, died Thursday at 11:10 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Phipps had worked as a log cutter and coal miner, and also worked for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville from 1953 until it closed.

He was born Aug. 22, 1906, in Lanark, W.Va., to the late Walter and Lotta (Smith) Phipps. On June 2, 1936, in Marfrance, W.Va., he married Geneva Gertrude King, who preceded him in death June 13, 1979. Two sisters, Beulah Taylor and Beatrice Hutchins, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Audrey Wahl of Fairdale, W.Va., and Estelle Garrett of Fayetteville, W.Va.; a brother-in-law, Roy King of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville Monday from 3-6 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with pastor David Jay officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorial gifts may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Christine D. (Schmenk) Ellert**, 37, died Friday at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Calling Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home from 2-9 p.m. A vigil service will be conducted at 4:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

Deaths/Funerals

Howard Dohner

BUTLER — Howard E. Dohner, 81, died today at 12:10 a.m. in his home on County Road 71, Butler.

Dohner

Mr. Dohner worked for Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler for 25 years, retiring in 1978 as a foreman. He also was a Wilmington Township farmer. He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church, Butler, and the Butler Eagles and Auburn Moose lodges.

He was born March 20, 1918, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to the late George and Edith (Worthington) Dohner.

He married JenniBelle Whitman on May 1, 1940, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Clyde Dohner (and wife, Phyllis) of Auburn and Joe Dohner (and wife, Jean) of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters, Betty Yates of Butler and Wilma Hornback of Edgerton, Ohio; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Home Health Care & Hospice.

Lilian Means-Dever

LEO — Lilian Means-Dever, 83, died Friday at 4:15 p.m. in her Leo home.

Mrs. Means-Dever was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church, Auburn, and the Grabill Fireman's Auxiliary, for which she served as District 6 area chaplain. She owned and operated the Leo Cafe with her first husband, Howard, retiring in 1987.

She was born Jan. 20, 1916, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, to the late J. Henry and S. Mildred (Palmer) Kling.

She married Howard L. Means on March 1, 1935, in Leo, and he preceded her in death Nov. 7, 1984. On Oct. 24, 1989, in Auburn, she married Urcyl A. Dever, who preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1991. A son, Lloyd Means, died in 1995.

Surviving are four sons, Loren and Lyle Means of Fort Wayne, Lynn Means of Spencerville and Lowell Means of Grabill; three daughters, Joyce Geise of Hamilton, Carolyn Hudson of Leo and Rita Gebo of Grabill; a sister, Gloria Komanec of Spencerville; two stepsons, Carl Dever of Fort Wayne and Jim Dever of Leo; a stepdaughter, Marilyn Dever of Leo; 21 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Carnahan-Baidinger Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Fireman's Auxiliary memorial service will be conducted in the funeral home at 8 p.m.

Her funeral service will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, south of Auburn, with the Rev. Darwin Dunten officiating. Burial will be Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial gifts may be given to Hopewell Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ronald Byerley

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald Dale Byerley, 46, died unexpectedly at 5:02 a.m. Sunday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born July 15, 1953, in Kendallville to Richard L. and Rosella (Emerick) Byerley. His mother survives at Cree Lake. On Feb. 10, 1990, in Rome City, he married Denise DeMuyt, who survives.

He was a lifetime Kendallville area resident and was previously employed as a millwright for Flint & Walling Inc. of Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Brent (Jenny) Fox of Avilla and Brianna Byerley and Sydney Byerley, at home; one son, Aaron Byerley of Kendallville; three brothers, Timothy Byerley of Kendallville; Gary Roderick of Wolcottville, and Richard Byerley of Huntertown; three grandchildren, Gray Fox of Avilla and Dalen Byerley and Maddison Byerley of Kendallville; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard L. Byerley, and two brothers, Bruce Henry Byerley and Lewis Byerley.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before services Wednesday in the funeral home.

Arlene Spearow

FORT WAYNE — Arlene M. Spearow, 80, died Saturday at 6:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor.

She was born on Aug. 19, 1919, in Steuben County to William and Ruth (Marchant) Colfax. Her stepparents were Joseph J. and Mae Spearow.

She lived most of her life in LaGrange County and was a homemaker and a former employee of Workman's Restaurant.

Surviving are a niece, Grace Deltz of Columbus Grove, Ohio; one sister, Jean Secrest of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Orville Colfax of Kendallville and Billy Colfax of Fort Wayne.

There will be no services. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff. No calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, was in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Thur., Aug. 23, 1999 (cont'd)

John Scogin

FORT WAYNE — John R. Scogin, 77, died Thursday at Byron Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Omaha, Neb., He was a general director with Union Pacific Railroad for 43 years, retiring in 1983. He was a World War II veteran.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, American Legion Post 0001 and VFW Post 1581. He was past president of the Omaha Transportation Club and Omaha Chamber of Commerce Good Fellowship Club.

He is survived by his wife, Lois C.; a son, John R. Scogin Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; a stepson, Dr. Robert A. Conner of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Sheron D. Littlejohn of Auburn; a brother, Georg Jackson of Minneapolis, Minn.; three sisters, Florence Freer of Little Rock, Ark., Marion Johnson of Arlington, Va., and Rita Kiley of Henderson, N.C.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A son, James, a brother, and two sisters preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Crosby, Kunold, Burket and Swanson Funeral Home, 119 West Center Road, Omaha, with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to Open Door Missions, Omaha.

Mardell Hammack

LEESBURG — Mardell E. "Marty" Hammack, 58, died Friday at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born in Warsaw, she had worked at Warsaw Coil.

Surviving her are her husband, Charles E.; three daughters, Marlena Breeding of Warsaw, Doreen D. Hammack of Auburn and Darleen G. Hammack of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Margaret Slone and Dawn Hursey, both of Ligonier; and Penny Lehman of Huntsville, Ala.; a sister, Beverly Hendrickson of Claypool; her stepmother, E. Waneta Kimes of Ocala, Fla.; two stepsisters, Marinelle Waldron of Ocala and Tona Meredith of Burlington, N.C.; and 12 stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Matthew.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Graceland Cemetery, Claypool.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Kosciusko County 4-H Program.

Margaret Wente

AUBURN — Margaret "Maggie" Wente, 89, died Sunday at 7:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Wente was a homemaker and formerly lived on South Clark Street in Auburn. She worked in the Little Brown House for five years in the early 1960s. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and its Muriel Circle.

She was born Aug. 19, 1910, in Logansport to the late Homer and Jessie (Cobb) Sanders.

She married her second husband, Howard Scherer, in 1942 and he died in 1957. She married Fred Wente in 1962 and he died in 1988.

Surviving are one son Joe Shellenbarger (and wife, Debra) of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Todd Shellenbarger, Tara Hannum and Angi Clark; and three great-grandchildren, Cameron, Sydney and Savannah Clark.

One brother, Charles Sanders, and one sister, Pearl Johnson, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Kaster, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Evening Star, Mon., Aug. 23, 1999 (cont'd)

Patricia Perkins

STROH — Patricia J. Perkins, 63, died at 1:27 p.m. Saturday in her home.

She was born June 4, 1936, in Steuben County to Wymond Sr. and Pauline (Shumaker) Hoyer. On Oct. 20, 1957, in Salem Presbyterian Church, she married James W. Perkins, who survives.

She moved to LaGrange County in 1957, was a homemaker and had been organist for Stroh Church of Christ for 40 years.

Surviving with her husband are four sons, Kirk M. Perkins, Rodney M. Perkins, Eric S. Perkins and Todd M. Perkins, all of Stroh; one daughter, Teresa M. Majerus of Fort Benton, Mont.; one brother, Rex Hoyer of Crystal Spring, Fla.; two sisters, Dorothy McCormick of Angola and Barbara Sams of Hudson; and 11 grandchildren.

One brother, Wymond Hoyer Jr., preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1998.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery, Stroh.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Opal Middleton

ANGOLA — Opal A. Middleton, 87, of Angola, died Sunday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

A lifelong Angola resident, Mrs. Middleton retired after serving 38 years as office manager for J.C. Penney in Angola.

She was a life member of the Angola Christian Church and the Business and Professional Women of Steuben County. She was a graduate of Angola High School and Tri-State University.

She was born Jan. 9, 1912, in Steuben County to the late Charles Ellsworth and Sadie (Dirrim) Wright.

On Feb. 3, 1962, she married Arthur F. Middleton, who preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are two stepsons, Alan C. Middleton of Garrett and Terry A. Middleton of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Sondra Steele of Angola; a niece, Pam Hantz of Angola; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted this afternoon at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Burial was in Teeters Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Savilla J. Reidenbach**, 82, died Sunday. Services will be at Cosperville Baptist Church, Cosperville, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Howard Dohner

BUTLER — Howard E. Dohner, 81, died Monday at 12:10 a.m. in his home on County Road 71, Butler.

Mr. Dohner worked for Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler for 25 years, retiring in 1978 as a foreman. He also was a Wilmington Township farmer. He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church, Butler, and the Butler Eagles and Auburn Moose lodges.

He was born March 20, 1918, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to the late George and Edith (Worthington) Dohner.

Dohner

He married JenniBelle Whitman on May 1, 1940, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Clyde Dohner (and wife, Phyllis) of Auburn and Joe Dohner (and wife, Jean) of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters, Betty Yates of Butler and Wilma Hornback of Edgerton, Ohio; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Charlotte; one brother, Wilbur; one sister, Irene; and two great-grandsons.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Home Health Care & Hospice.

The above obituary is being republished with additional information.

Ronald Krider

KIMMELL — Ronald E. Krider, 72, died Monday morning in his home. He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Krider was born Jan. 1, 1927, in Churubusco to George W. and Mildred M. (Hill) Krider. In 1955 he married Doris E. Gilbert, who survives.

He spent his formative years in Whitley County and graduated from Columbia City High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was employed at the Chevrolet garage in Huntertown for 10 years and retired from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne in 1989 with nearly 30 years of service.

He and his wife made their home in Columbia City and later the Churubusco area prior to moving to Kimmell in 1976.

He was a member of the Churubusco F.&A.M. 515, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Whitley County Shrine Club and the Hillbilly Club.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, John Albert Penn of New Haven and Rickie E. Krider of Ligonier; three daughters, Phyllis Herendeen of Churubusco, Linda Sue Coolman of Pennsylvania and Pamela Jo Tafflinger of Garrett; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Robert Krider, Dick Krider and Milt Krider, all of Columbia City, and Harold Krider of South Whitley; and two sisters, Virginia Snodgrass and Joan Simon, both of Columbia City.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a grandson, Charleton Michael Payton, and two brothers, Raymond Krider and Lawrence Krider.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Hubert Miller officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Churubusco F.&A.M. will conduct a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital or Whitley Home Health Care & Hospice.

Ronald Byerley

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald Dale Byerley, 46, died unexpectedly at 5:02 a.m. Sunday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born July 15, 1953, in Kendallville to Richard L. and Rosella (Emerick) Byerley. His mother survives at Cree Lake. On Feb. 10, 1990, in Rome City, he married Denise DeMuyt, who survives.

He was a lifetime Kendallville area resident and was previously employed as a millwright for Flint & Walling Inc. of Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Brent (Jenny) Fox of Avilla and Brianna Byerley and Sydney Byerley, at home; one son, Aaron Byerley and wife, Laurie, of Kendallville; three brothers, Timothy Byerley of Kendallville; Gary Roderick of Wolcottville, and Richard Byerley of Huntertown; three grandchildren, Grey Fox of Avilla and Dalen Byerley and Maddison Byerley of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard L. Byerley, and two brothers, Bruce Henry Byerley and Lewis Byerley; and two nieces.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Wednesday in the funeral home.

The above obituary is being republished to correct errors.

Evening Star, Tues., Aug. 24, 1999 (cont'd)

Tom Parker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Tom "Park" Parker, 57, died Sunday in his home at Big Long Lake.

He was born in Sturgis, Mich., on Oct. 12, 1941, to Raymond and Jeanette (Troxell) Parker. On June 10, 1994, in LaGrange, he married Andrea L. Augustyniak, who survives.

He was a salesman at Harold Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Buick, Pontiac, Cadillac, Geo of Angola. He had worked previously at Don Ayres Pontiac-Honda-Isuzu-Suzuki in Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Vietnam and Germany, and was vice commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, Kendallville, and a member of American Legion Post 381, Rome City. Also, he was a member of the Broadway Rod and Gun Club of Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Charles W. Parker of Angola and Keith A. Parker of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kimberly D. Parker and Kristine J. Parker, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Catherine Koupal of Houghton Lake, Mich.; and a half brother, Jason Campbell of Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Big Long Lake Association.

Bettie Hamman

ORLAND — Bettie Pearl (McCrea) Hamman, 70, died Sunday in her Orland home.

Mrs. Hamman was a homemaker, Girl Scout leader and den mother. She was a member of the Orland American Legion Auxiliary, Hamilton Women's Club and Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

She was born March 31, 1929, in Steuben County to Wade and Dorothy (Teeters) McCrea. Her mother survives, and her father is deceased.

She married Gerald Hamman on Nov. 20, 1951, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steven E.; three daughters, Mary K. Bender, Barbara A. Hamman and Martha E. Messina; two sisters, Pauline King and Beverly McCrea; one brother, Michael McCrea; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Wayne McCrea, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday at 10 a.m. in the family home, 6445 N. 675-W, Orland, with the Rev. Carole Mahaffey officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association, Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice, American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Arlene Spearow

FORT WAYNE — Graveside services for Arlene M. Spearow, 80, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff, with the Rev. Walter Graeflin officiating.

Spearow died Saturday at 6:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor.

There will be no calling.

Information originally provided for an obituary published Monday stated there would be no services.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

The Evening Star, Wed., Aug. 25, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Ida Malston

ANGOLA — Ida E. Malston, 71, of Angola, died Monday at her residence.

Mrs. Malston, a homemaker, lived in Angola for 30 years after moving from Golden Lake. She attended Mount Zion United Methodist Church and was a member of the Angola Post 31 American Legion Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose, Lodge 1568. She was a cook for several years at Pleasant Lake Elementary School and later operated a day-care center.

She was born Aug. 24, 1927, in Zion, Ill., to the late Clair and Margaret (Ketcham) Aborn.

On March 31, 1945, she married Ray J. Malston, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Maggie Malston of Nashville, Tenn., Penny Trzynka of Kendallville, and Linda Herron of Columbia City; two brothers, Charles Anderson of Alexandria, and David Aborn of Milford, N.H.; two sisters, Juanita Swift of Polk City, Fla., and Mary Gilliam of Plymouth, Mich.; and eight grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kathy Malston, and two brothers, James Anderson and Robert Aborn.

Friends may call Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Private family graveside services will follow at Mount Zion Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Virgil Grandey

EDGERTON, Ohio — Virgil D. Grandey, 75, died Monday at 8:20 p.m. in Park View Care Center in Edgerton, where he had resided for three years. He had been ill for the past week.

Mr. Grandey was a self-employed farmer, milking cows until 1985. He built much of his own farm equipment. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in Guam. He was a member of American Legion Post 137 at Farmer.

He was born Nov. 26, 1923, in Farmer Township, Defiance, Ohio, to the late Ora and Ruth (Buda) Grandey. He attended Farmer High School.

He married Helen North on June 4, 1950, in Bryan, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Carl of Stryker, Ohio, and Tim of Hicksville, Ohio; two daughters, Martha Greer of Novi, Mich., and Karen Santos of Houston, Texas; one brother, L.D. Grandey of Hicksville; one sister, Vivian Hook of Hicksville; two grandsons and six granddaughters.

Two sisters, Laverne and Gwendolyn Grandey, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kevin Orr, pastor of the Edgerton United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will take place in Williams Center Cemetery in Williams, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association or the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio.

The following obituary is being republished to correct the day of the memorial service:

Bettie Hamman

ORLAND — Bettie Pearl (McCrea) Hamman, 70, died Sunday in her Orland home.

Mrs. Hamman was a homemaker, Girl Scout leader and den mother. She was a member of the Orland American Legion Auxiliary, Hamilton Women's Club and Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

She was born March 31, 1929, in Steuben County to Wade and Dorothy (Teeters) McCrea. Her mother survives, and her father is deceased.

She married Gerald Hamman on Nov. 20, 1951, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steven E.; three daughters, Mary K. Bender, Barbara A. Hamman and Martha E. Messina; two sisters, Pauline King and Beverly McCrea; one brother, Michael McCrea; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Wayne McCrea, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the family home, 6445 N. 675-W, Orland, with the Rev. Carole Mahaffey officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association, Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice, American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Wed., Aug. 25, 1999 + cont'd +

Marjadene Reed

TAMPA, Fla. — Marjadene Reed, 79, formerly of Kendallville, died Aug. 10 in Tampa.

She was born Oct. 14, 1920, in Waterloo. On April 4, 1942, she married Harvey Habegger. In 1952, she married Masao Komiki.

She grew up in Kendallville where she lived with her stepfather, Forrest E. Lung, and her mother, Ila (Reed) Lung.

She was a member of the Baha'i faith.

A 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School, she attended Tri-State College, Angola; Indiana State, Terre Haute; Indiana University, Bloomington; and Olivet College, Olivet, Mich. between 1938 and 1942.

She had two sons, James Habegger and Kenji Komiki; one daughter, Amy Habegger; one stepbrother, Kenneth Lung; and an unknown number of grandchildren.

She and her son, Kenji, lived in Guatemala from 1961-1962 while working for the government of Guatemala. The highlight of her life was in 1963 when her entire family was privileged to attend the Baha'i International Centennial at Albert Hall in London.

During the 1970s, she lived in Tampa while working for the University of South Florida. Later, she became involved in screenwriting in Hollywood and also auditioned for (and won, but turned down) the part of the Lady in Red in the movie, "Dillinger."

She was an accomplished violinist who played with the Kendallville High School Symphony Orchestra and was also a member, with Betty Aungst and Kay Bauman, of the KHS Trio.

She was buried in Tampa following a memorial service that was held there Aug. 13.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Beverly D. Higgins**, 67, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

ALBION — **Barbara J. Trowbridge**, 68, died today in Avilla. Private family visitation and funeral services will be at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Aug. 26, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Raymond Tester

WATERLOO — Raymond E. Tester, 65, died Wednesday at his home.

Mr. Tester was a machine operator with Conrail for 16 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, the Moose Lodge in New Haven and the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 2, 1934, in Fort Wayne to the late Elmer and Velma (Thiele) Tester.

Surviving him are his wife, Ruth A., of Waterloo; a son, Rodney L., of Auburn; two daughters, Connie Clifford of Fort Wayne and Carla Watson of St. Joe; four stepsons, Steve A. Wolfe of St. Joe, Jerry D. Wolfe of Wolcottville, James L. Wolfe of Butler and Larry J. Wolfe of Auburn; a brother, Frances Tester of Wolf Lake; two sisters, Helen Bower and Ruth Sims, both of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Alex Souder

GARRETT — Alex James Souder, 3 months, died Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in his home.

He born May 5, 1999, in Fort Wayne to Chad J. and Shannon L. Souder, who survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Brent Souder; a sister, Alyssa Souder; his grandparents, Bill and Linda Souder of Garrett, Ann and Sean Koskie of Garrett and Larry and Stephanie King of Butler; and great-grandparents, Mildred Souder of Butler and Harold and Marilyn Carr of Auburn.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the Butler Cemetery. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate.

There will be no calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parkview Hospital Neo-Natal Unit, Fort Wayne.

Evening Star, Thurs., Aug 26, 1999 (cont'd)

James Sipe

ALBION — James H. Sipe, 85, of Bear Lake, Albion, died Wednesday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 21, 1914, in Randolph County to Lorenzo and Mary Sipe. On Oct. 24, 1962, in Albion, he married Helen Foster, who survives.

He had been an Albion area resident since 1942.

He retired from Dana Corp. in Churubusco in 1979 as a factory worker and also worked as a farmer. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and the Avilla Horseshoe Club.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Maxine Healey of Livingston, Texas, Mary Bratt of Marion, Ohio, and Janet Workman of New Haven; three sons, Tom Sipe of South Bend, Paul King of Butler and Jerry King of Okemah, Okla.; one sister, Dorothy Hammond of Kendallville; two brothers, Charles Sipe of Monroeville and Clarence Sipe of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with Pastor Randy Miller officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Joseph Spieth

FORT WAYNE — Joseph C. Spieth, 69, died Tuesday of injuries he received that day in a traffic accident on Goshen Road within sight of his home.

He was born June 16, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Ferdinand and Marcella (Gerardot) Spieth. On Nov. 10, 1951, in Indiana, he married Barbara J. Tschannen, who also died in the same accident.

He was a Korean War Army veteran and retired from the service in 1959. He also was retired from Dana Corp. in 1989, where he had been an inspector for 35 years.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Spieth, Ronald Spieth and Daniel Spieth, all of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Mary Royal, Maggie Schleinkofer and Patricia Kramer, all of Fort Wayne, and Rita Walker of New Haven; seven brothers, Herman Spieth of New Haven, James Spieth and Francis Spieth, both of Woodburn, Larry Spieth and Walter Spieth of Fort Wayne, Bernard Spieth of Albion and Donald Spieth of San Antonio, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd. Calling is from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a rosary recital at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Entombment will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Barbara Spieth

FORT WAYNE — Barbara J. Spieth, 69, died Tuesday of injuries she received that day in a traffic accident on Goshen Road within sight of her home.

She was born July 13, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Melvin and Clara (Croy) Tschannen. On Nov. 10, 1951, in Indiana, she married Joseph D. Spieth, who also died in the same accident.

She was a homemaker and secretary of Dana Retirees Club.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Spieth, Ronald Spieth and Daniel Spieth, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy Boger of Fort Wayne and Ruth Smith of Lake James; two brothers, Melvin Tschannen Jr. of Fort Wayne and Robert Tschannen of Orland; and four grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd. Calling is from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a rosary recital at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Entombment will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

John Andrews

ALTONA — John T. Andrews, 90, died Tuesday at 9:43 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked in the roundhouse and was also a brakeman for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 45 years, retiring in 1974. He was a lifelong resident of Altona.

Mr. Andrews was born April 1, 1909, in Dale County, Ala., to the late William H. and Dora (Thompson) Andrews.

He married Mary B. Doster on June 11, 1931, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Jeanette Tinsley of New Haven, Leotha Murphy of Bay City, Mich., Cleotha Tinsley and Phyllis Andrews, both of Saginaw, Mich., Violet Bland and Shirley Washington, both of Fort Wayne, and Michelle Thomas of Oak Park, Mich.; one brother, William Matt Andrews of Garrett; two sisters, Mabel Myers and Mishie Day, both of Middleton, Ohio; 25 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Raymond E. and Lloyd W.; one brother, Spugon Andrews; one sister, Mattie R. Young; and one grandchild.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Pastor Ron Rutledge of the Fort Wayne Christian Center will officiate. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Deaths/Funerals

Wilber Fifer

HAMILTON — Wilber L. Fifer, 78, died Thursday at 6:10 p.m. in Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fifer was a machine operator for Weatherhead of Angola, a division of Dana Corp., for 32 years.

He was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to the late Fred and May (Kessler) Fifer.

He married Catherine Maneval Kepler on June 25, 1965, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Bonnie Collins (and husband, Bobby) of St. Joe; one sister, Alta Marie Burrell of Fremont; and three stepgrandchildren, Joshua Collins, Christopher Walters and Cara Walters.

Five brothers, Dawson, Vern, L.D., Jake, and Marion, and two sisters, Zada and Lucile, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association or the Hamilton Fire Department.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.Waterloo, in charge of arrangements.

Opal Maxwell

ANGOLA — Opal Marie Maxwell, 88, of Angola, died Thursday in Great Barrington, Mass.

Mrs. Maxwell was a co-owner of Western Auto in Angola until 1975. Since 1975, she had been employed at Deb's Bridal Shop in downtown Angola.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and was chairman of the church's Altar Guild. She was a member of the Steuben County Women's Club; and a volunteer with the Steuben County Red Cross, the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary, Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care and the Steuben Council on Aging.

She was born July 8, 1911, in Wanatah to the late Paul and Nettie (Peters) Rosenbaum.

On June 30, 1935, she married Glen E. Maxwell, who preceded her in death on July 15, 1994.

Surviving are a son, James E. Maxwell of Greencastle; a nephew, Richard Goodwin of Ashley Falls, Mass.; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Velma Rosenbaum and Pearl Shireman.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, with Pastor Donald E. Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church stained-glass window fund.

Evelyn Crooks

INDIANAPOLIS — Evelyn E. (Mercer) Crooks, 75, died Wednesday at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis.

Born in Hicksville, Ohio, she owned and operated the Beauty Clinic in Angola, and in later laters, the Beauty Clinic on State Boulevard in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1985. She was an avid golfer and devoted to her family.

Surviving her are three sons, Steven D. of New Palastine, Dennis E. of New Albany, and LeRoy E. of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Patricia L. Ladd of Gibsonburg, Ohio; two sisters, Dora Gordon of South Solon, Ohio, and Rose Alwood of Auburn; two brothers, Ernest Mercer of Hicksville, Ohio, and Thurman Mercer of Newport, Tenn. 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, DeLoss W. Crooks, earlier this year; two sisters, Pearl Derrow and Edith Turner; and two brothers, Carson Mercer and Clayton Mercer.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, One Canal Place, 709 Clay St., Suite 201, Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Ruth Troyer,** 98, of Goshen and formerly a longtime Noble County resident, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in First Presbyterian Church in Albion, with calling from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

KENDALLVILLE — **Imogene Riehm,** 67, of Kendallville, died Thursday in Avilla. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Hamman

HAMILTON — Dorothy I. Hamman, 87, died Thursday at 3:40 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Hamilton. She was a member of the Waterloo Nazarene Church.

Mrs. Hamman was born Oct. 30, 1911, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to the late John and Mildred (Hammond) Leason.

She married Walter W. Hamman on April 4, 1934, in Auburn, and he died Jan. 26, 1983.

Surviving her are two sons, Jerry Hamman of Kendallville and Wayne Hamman of Butler; one daughter, Lana High of Butler; two sisters, Doris Freed of Garrett and Mildred Leonard of Lockport, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Mary Catherine Leason of Fort Wayne and Joan Leason of Hamilton; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Martin Leason and Marvin Leason; one sister, Violet Slentz; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Her funeral service will take place Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Jean Franze

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind. — Jean Marie Franze, 71, died Wednesday in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Franze was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Realtors for several years and lived in Lawrenceburg. She served as a city councilwoman for eight years.

She was a member of Hamline Chapel United Methodist Church and its Women's Circle, Eastern Star and Internationally Yours.

She was born Oct. 1, 1927, in Auburn, to the late Marion and Romayne (Geib) Scott.

Surviving her are her husband, Richard Franze; four sons, Dickie of Lawrenceburg, Bill and Alan, both of Auburn, and Mike of Houston; two daughters, Jackie Denning and Suzy Allen, both of Lawrenceburg; four brothers, Vernon Scott of Hopkinsville, Ky., Bill Scott of Grand Rapids, Mich., Jack Scott of Garrett and Forrest Scott of Auburn; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be held Sunday at 8 p.m.(Eastern Daylight Time) at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg, with calling after 6 p.m. The Rev. William Helms will officiate.

An Eastern Star service will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will take place Monday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a graveside service at 1 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to the American Cancer Society.

Larry Reese

FREMONT — Larry D. Reese, 51, of Fremont, died Thursday in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reese worked at Indiana Wire in Fremont for the past four years. He was a graduate of Fremont High School, class of 1965, and a member of the Fremont American Legion.

He was born Aug. 29, 1947, in Coldwater, Mich. to Darrell and Maxine (Parsons) Reese, who survive him.

His wife, Karen (Holden) Reese, whom he married on Aug. 25, 1997, in Covington, Ky., also survives him.

Also surviving are two sons, L. Patrick Reese of Bloomington and Eric D. Reese of Coldwater, Mich.; two daughters, Jennefer L. Clark and Mrs. Steve (Kelly) Toon, both of Coldwater, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Lyndsey Minnix of Hamilton; a stepson, Richard Clark, address unknown; a sister, Mrs. Max (Carol) Newbauer of Fremont; two brothers, Michael (and wife Cindy) Reese of LaOtto and Barry (and wife Debra) Reese of Fremont; a half-sister, Mrs. Bill (Rosalie) Wasson of LaHambra, Calif.; two grandchildren, Spencer Reese and Brentyn Toon; and 16 nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. David Salyer officiating.

Burial will take place in the Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military honors by the Fremont American Legion.

Deaths/Funerals

Evelyn Teegardin

AUBURN — Evelyn Faye Teegardin, 79, died Sunday at 1:40 p.m. in the home of her daughter, Patricia Crossley, in Auburn.

Mrs. Teegardin lived in Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn. She was a former employee of the Creek Chub Bait Co., Garrett, and was a self-employed seamstress.

She was born July 23, 1920, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Ralph and Caroline (Koons) Dove.

She married George Teegardin on Aug. 2, 1939, in DeKalb County; and he died in 1974.

Surviving her are six sons, Ned of Charleston, S.C., David of San Diego, Calif., James of Kendallville, Donald of Fort Smith, Ark., Keith of Auburn and Larry of Garrett; two daughters, Patricia Crossley of Auburn and Carolyn Ward of Iron Station, N.C.; a half-brother, Dale Dove of Indianapolis; two half-sisters, Lynn Taylor and Sandy Miller, both of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one stepbrother, David Robinson of Kalamazoo; 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Frances Catobius

COLDWATER, Mich. — Frances C. (Seely) Catobius, 78, died Saturday at Maple Lake Medical Care Facility.

Friends may call Tuesday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Diane Stone and Pastor Don Rashley officiating. Burial will take place in Fisher Hill Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

Cora Clark

ANGOLA — Cora M. Clark, 85, of Angola, died Sunday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

Mrs. Clark worked as a dietitian at Tri-State University, Coldwater (Mich.) Community Health Center and Carlin Park Healtcare Center before her retirement.

A member of Angola Christian Church, she was past state president of the World War I Veterans Auxiliary, a member of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary and a home chapter member of the Women of the Moose, Angola Lodge 266.

She was born Jan. 31, 1914, in Rockport, Ohio, to the late Walter and Hannah Ellen (Van Meter) Stewart.

On Feb. 20, 1935, she married John D. Clark, who preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Donald and Larry Clark, both of Angola; a daughter, Lorraine Roy of Leo; five sisters, Dorothy Markle of Spencerville, Gladys Akey of Spencerville, Mary Rectenwall of Spencerville, Anabelle Miller of Statesville, N.C., and Connie Miles of Spencerville; and 10 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Jim Stewart; and two sisters, Edith Onstott and Audrey Michael.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola Christian Church.

R. Faith Myers

HUNTINGTON — R. Faith Bard Myers, 88, died Friday at 1 p.m. in Georgetown Manor, Grandville, Mich., where she had lived since 1990.

She was an elementary teacher for over 34 years, spending 28 years at Horace Mann Elementary School in Huntington. She was a graduate of Huntington College and earned a master's degree from Ball State University. She formerly lived in Huntington.

She was born July 19, 1911, in DeKalb County to the late Albert and Effie May (Dellenbaugh) Bard.

Surviving her are two daughters, Ann Zimmerlee (and husband, Joe) of Lebanon, Ill., and Joan Buer (and husband, the Rev. R. Lee) of Hopkins, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Mildred Bard of Auburn; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Don Spencer Myers; one brother, Spencer Bard; one sister, Martha Ann Bard; and one great-granddaughter.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. R. Lee Buer and the Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Department of Mission, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, 302 Lake St., Huntington IN 46750.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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Edwin Kupfersmith

PAULDING, Ohio — Edwin H. Kupfersmith, 84, died Saturday at 11 a.m. at his residence after an extended illness.

He retired in 1977 from General Motors Central Foundry in Defiance, Ohio, after 23 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Kupfersmith was born Feb. 25, 1915, in Cissna Park, Ill., in Iroquois County to the late Peter and Christina (Unzicker) Kupfersmith.

He married Sarah Jackson on July 27, 1938, in Latty, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Shirley Baldwin (and husband, Guy) of Paulding, and Sharon Hodge (and husband, Dr. William Hodge) of Garrett; one sister, Lillian Kelly of Cornwall, Ontario, Canada; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one great-granddaughter, Natalie Hodge, in 1989; and three brothers, Jesse and Louis Kupfersmith and an infant brother.

Friends may call Tuesday from 1:30-8 p.m. (Indiana time) and Wednesday from 7-8 a.m. in Den-Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 9 a.m. (Indiana time). Burial will take place in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, with a military graveside service conducted by Paulding Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 587.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Anna Paxton

BRYAN, Ohio — Anna E. Paxton, 78, died Saturday in Harborside Healthcare Center of Northwestern Ohio, Bryan.

She was a native of Bryan, was a homemaker, and was married to Dale M. Paxton, who survives.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Dale L. Paxton of Garrett, Dennis M. Paxton of Tampa, Fla., and Duwayne Lynn Paxton of Kendallville; five daughters, Sandra Stahl of Alvordton, Judith Ann English-Lade and Mary Ankney, both of Sherwood, Norma English of Defiance County and Sally Reese of Swanton; one brother, Jack Fortney of Bryan; two sisters, Le Vado Baker of Upper Sandusky and Connie Rochester of Carey; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Ohio time Tuesday in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, with calling from 5-9 p.m. today.

Meriam McNamara

AUBURN — Meriam V. McNamara, 77, died Saturday at 11:10 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McNamara retired from Cooper Engineered Products in 1978, and lived in Auburn. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

She was born Oct. 3, 1921, in Auburn to the late Marvin R. and Opal (Brown) Parker.

She married Robert M. McNamara, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are three sons, Joe of St. Joe, Larry of Piqua, Ohio, and David of Auburn; two daughters, Beverly Albright of Kendallville and Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett; two brothers, Robert Parker of Garrett and Wilbur Parker of Jackson, Mich.; four sisters, Leona Grear of Ashley, Manola Williams of Plymouth, Ohio, Mary Lou Gilmore of Pottersville, Mich., and Carolyn Churchward of Corunna; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Dalia Schmuck

KENDALLVILLE — Dalia V. Schmuck, 78, died Saturday at 1:40 p.m. in Kendallville Manor Healthcare, Kendallville.

She was born June 10, 1921, in Ashley to Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed. On Nov. 16, 1941, in Albion, she married Clarence G. Schmuck, who survives.

She had been employed as an office manager and bookkeeper at Schmuck Garage.

Surviving with her husband are two sons and one daughter-in-law, LeRoy Schmuck and Daryl and Karen Schmuck, all of Kendallville; two daughters, Mrs. Burley (Phyllis) Hall of Kendallville and Mrs. Richard (Brenda) Conrad of Albion; four brothers, Clarence Freed of Auburn, Elmer Freed of Garrett, Howard Freed of Kendallville and Robert Freed of Garrett; one sister, Esther M. Leins of Auburn; three granddaughters, Kelly Conrad and Jenni Conrad of Albion and Carrie Hall of Kendallville; one stepgranddaughter, Kendra Lawson of Goshen; and one great-granddaughter, Kaylee Hall of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, one brother, one grandson and one stepgrandson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stratman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Geiger

AUBURN — Paul B. Geiger, 68, died Monday afternoon in his Auburn home.

Geiger

Mr. Geiger formerly lived in Mongo. He worked in the heat treat area at International Harvester, retiring in 1981 with 33 years of service. He then drove a van and was a handyman for the LaGrange County Council on Aging. He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the LaGrange post of the American Legion and Mongo United Methodist Church. He was an avid bowler, woodworker and diehard Cubs fan.

Mr. Geiger was born Sept. 4, 1930, in Noble County to the late Jesse H. and Grace M. (Wappes) Geiger.

He married Ruth Jeanette Platt on Feb. 4, 1951, in Charter Oak Methodist Church in Churubusco, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Linda Mellinger of LaGrange, Julie Hambrock of Fort Wayne and Paulette Hambrock of Huntertown; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Howard Geiger, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church, Spencerville, with the Rev. Carl Dean Merrifield from LaGrange and Mark Hambrock officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be given to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne IN 46805.

P. Christine Atchison

PARIS, Tenn. — P. Christine Atchison, 81, died Monday afternoon in Paris Circle Health Center in Paris, Tenn. She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 24, 1918, in Milan, Tenn., to the late Noel and Flora Jane Herbison.

Surviving her are one son, DeWayne Atchison of Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Janette McKown (and husband, Larry) of St. Joe and Patsy Parris of Paris, Tenn.; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Herbison; and two daughters, Jane and June Atchison.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at McEvoy Funeral Home in Paris, with calling Wednesday.

Dorothy Blakesley

PLEASANT LAKE — Dorothy M. Blakesley, 86, died Monday at 5:10 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Blakesley was a homemaker. She was born May 15, 1913, in Antwerp, Ohio, to the late John and Lana Bell (Reeb) Place.

Her husband, Charles F. Blakesley, died in 1962.

Surviving her are one son, Charles F. Blakesley Jr. of Auburn; two grandchildren, James Blakesley and Jeanette Boszor; and two great-grandchildren, Sarah and Jacob Boszor.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry Jr. officiating. There will no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Daryl Ford

AUBURN — Daryl O. "Todd" Ford, 75, died Monday at 10:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Ford was a retired, self-employed contractor and lived on County Road 40-A, Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 28, 1924, in Steuben County to the late Rollie F. and Claydie Ford.

Surviving him are three sons, Mike and Dennis, both of Waterloo, and Greg of Gas City; two daughters, Niki DeYoung of Greenville, S.C., and Cheryl Davis of Angola; two brothers, Shelda Ford of Hamilton and Donald Dean Ford of Waterloo; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery, with the Rev. Tim Seavers officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to Sunny Meadows Farm.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ELKHART — **Charles Edward Martin**, 52, died Monday. Funeral services will be at noon Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday

Deaths/Funerals

Mable Gundy

HUNTINGTON — Mable J. Gundy, 88, died Monday at 10:05 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gundy was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Huntington County. She was a member of St. Peter's First United Church of Christ in Huntington, the Kil-So-Quah Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a 1928 graduate of Huntington High School.

She was born Aug. 13, 1911, in Flora, Ind., to the late John Harris and Mary Catherine (German) Spickelmier.

She married George Mitchell Gundy on July 26, 1936, in Huntington, and he died in 1976.

Surviving her are one son, Roger L. Gundy (and wife, Janie) of Angola; one daughter, Donna S. Genereaux (and husband, David) of Beaver Dam, Wis.; one brother, Kenneth L. Spickelmier of Huntington; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry R. Gundy;, one daughter, Shirley A. Clements; and one brother, Marion Harris.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the mortuary, with Bishop Robert Sims and the Rev. Jonathan Heaslet officiating. Burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Peter's First United Church of Christ, 206 Etna Ave., Huntington IN 46750; New Life Worship Center, P.O. Box 504, Angola IN 46703; Knightstown Children's Home in Knightstown, Ind.; or Hoosier Girls State, in care of American Legion Auxiliary, 777 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis IN.

Annabelle Field

ANGOLA — Annabelle Field, 87, of Angola, died Monday at Wesley Manor in Frankfort.

Mrs. Field was an Angola resident for many years and a member of the Angola United Methodist Church. She served as a teacher in the Washington, D.C., school system.

She was born Oct. 28, 1911, in Washington, D.C., to the late Clarence O. and Alice S. (Jemison) McCullough.

On Feb. 24, 1940, she married Robert W. Field, who preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1970.

Surviving are two nephews, David A. Field of Angola, and Stephen W. Powers of Indianapolis; two nieces, Margaret Ann Field Bishop of Tiffin, Ohio, and Susanne Powers Keeton of Indianapolis; and two cousins, Charlotte Crigler of Canoga Park, Calif., and Jean Stewart of Largo, Fla.

Graveside services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial donations may be made to charities of the donors' choice. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Wellington Ulmer

SOUTH BEND — Wellington E. Ulmer, 97, of South Bend and formerly of Angola, died Aug. 21 at St. Joseph Care Center West, South Bend.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday in the Ridgedale Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Jack Volkers officiating. Arrangements were made by Palmer Funeral Home, South Bend.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mildred Gross**, 90, died Tuesday. Funeral services at 10 a.m. Friday in Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and in the church Friday one hour before services.

LAGRANGE — **Viola J. Freed**, 85, died Tuesday. Funeral services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Helen P. Forbes**, 83, died Tuesday. Funeral services at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Hazel Mock

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel E. Mock, 78, died Wednesday at Kendallville Manor.

Born in North Dakota, she had been the head dietitian with the DeKalb Central United School District.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. Henry Fort of Texas; a sister, Ethel Fritz of Hudson; a niece, Judy Nichoels of Fort Wayne; a grand niece, Patti Shumaker of Waterloo; and a special friend, Otto Mutzl.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William T. Mock, on Dec. 31, 1976; six brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Robert Millspaugh

AUBURN — Robert E. Millspaugh, 72, died Wednesday at 11:05 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Millspaugh worked at International Harvester for 18 years, retiring in 1983. He worked at Culligan Water Treatment for the past two years.

He was a Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and the Knights of Columbus.

He was born Jan. 19, 1927, in Elmira, N.Y., to the late Harry and Mae (Berry) Millspaugh.

He married Willidene Crowl on May 24, 1952, in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph J. of Spencerville and Stephen D. of Indianapolis; one brother, Walter E. of Philadelphia; and four grandchildren, Joseph James Millspaugh Jr., Hilary Millspaugh, Jessica Millspaugh and Jacob Millspaugh.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lutheran Hospital Cardiac Care Unit.

Brenda Blackburn

AVILLA — Brenda L. Blackburn, 39, died at 11:39 a.m. Wednesday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for about one year.

She was born Jan. 28, 1960, in Kendallville to William and Luecreta Gibson. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

She was a factory worker for Favorite Brands International in Kendallville.

Surviving with her mother are three daughters, Belinda Keifer of Ligonier and Sandy K. Bozynski and Jennifer Blackburn, both of Avilla; three sons, Michael Bozynski, Josh Blackburn and Adam Blackburn, all of Avilla; five sisters, Flossie Martin of Ashley, Mildred Banks of Avilla, Cosbie Salisbury of Albion, Mary Sue Halferty of Wolcottville and Elizabeth Pelfrey of Garrett; and five brothers, Thurman Gibson, Emory Gibson and Worley Gibson, all of Kendallville, Arthur Gibson of Waterloo and Recie Gibson of Avilla.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is in the funeral home from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday and two hours before services Saturday.

Tressie Miller

HAMILTON — Tressie "Terry" Reardon Miller, 98, died at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been in failing health for about three weeks.

Mrs. Miller was born Aug. 20, 1901, in Flint to Royal and Catherine (McClish) Bair. On June 26, 1952, in Fort Wayne, she married Walter T. Miller, who preceded her in death in February 1976.

She was retired from the credit department at the former Wolf & Dessauer department store in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two sons, Willis R. Reardon of Hamilton Lake and David Miller of Kendallville; one brother, Ross Bair of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Carma Witwer of Woodburn, Julie Blankenship of Rome City, Jennifer Pennington of Kendallville, and Marti Freed of Hamilton; two grandsons, Shane Miller of Kendallville and Patrick Reardon of Hudson; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday in Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Preferred memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Deaths/Funerals

Arminda 'Minnie' Payton

GARRETT — Arminda "Minnie" Payton, 72, died Wednesday at 1:12 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Payton lived in Garrett all her life. She was an assembly worker at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 29 years, retiring in 1986.

She was born Sept. 23, 1926, in Auburn to Walter W. and Mae E. (Sweeze) Custer.

She married George R. Payton Sr. on Dec. 4, 1943, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, George "Bob" Payton Jr. of Garrett and Kim Payton of Albion; two daughters, Marilyn Helmick of Garrett and Jama Campbell of Avilla; a sister, Vivian Gillespie of Avilla; eight grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Junior and Gregory Custer; and two sisters, Margaret West and Louella Wiechart.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Her funeral service will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Dr. William N. Hodge will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Hazel Mock

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel E. Mock, 78, died Wednesday at Kendallville Manor.

Born in North Dakota, she had been the head dietitian with the DeKalb Central United School District.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. Henry Ford of Texas; a sister, Ethel Fritz of Hudson; a niece, Judy Nichoels of Fort Wayne; a grand niece, Patti Shumaker of Waterloo; and a special friend, Otto Mutzl.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William T. Mock, on Dec. 31, 1976; six brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

The above obituary is being published again because of a change in the time of service.

L. Marie Long

ANGOLA — L. Marie Long, 95, of Angola, died Wednesday at the Renaissance Village Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

She was a retired executive secretary for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 6, 1904, in Hillsdale County, Mich., to the late Noah Seymour and Luella Jane (Munk) Long.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Adelle Long of Angola; and three nieces, Clarice Moss of Humboldt, Tenn., Gloria Robie of Toledo, Ohio, and Myrna Lou Styverson of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Virgil Long, earlier this year.

Friends may call from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Greg E. Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

Francis Kagey

KENDALLVILLE — Francis W. Kagey, 84, died Thursday in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He was born Nov. 29, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Jay F. and Allyne Marie (Ladig) Kagey. On Aug. 8, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio, he married Jean A. Bowers, who survives.

He retired in 1979 after 34 years at Essex Wire in Fort Wayne and had lived in Texas for 13 years.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne; Masonic Lodge, Wayne Lodge and the Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne. Also, he was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Kaye Lampe of Avilla; two grandchildren, Scott Lampe of Sturgis, Mich., and Kristy Fry of Butler; and six great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the building fund at St. John Lutheran School, Kendallville.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

MILFORD — **Pearl Herrman**, 91, died Thursday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there from 2-5 p.m. Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Forrest

WATERLOO — Marjorie V. Forrest, 81, died Friday at 8:15 a.m. in her home on County Road 27, Waterloo.

Mrs. Forrest had worked as an office clerk for the Waterloo Telephone Co. and later for GTE for 25 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a 1936 graduate of Ashley High School and received her secretarial degree from Tri-State College in 1936. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, where she was a Sunday School teacher and longtime treasurer of its Mission Circle. She loved to make doilies and afghans for family members.

She was born July 24, 1918, in Ashley to the late Ralph and Hazel (Albright) Lockhart.

She married Glenn Forrest on July 24, 1937, in Angola, and he died May 10, 1956.

Surviving her are one son, Jerry Forrest (and wife, Joannie) of Waterloo; one daughter, Janice Smith (and husband, Keith) of Butler; one brother, Richard Lockhart of Ashley; one sister, Barbara Peters of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, Christopher and Jamie Forrest, Jenny Gibson, Laura Mischel, and Larry, Lee and Bruce Smith; and 16 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, JoAnn Forrest, and one granddaughter, Wendy Joan Forrest, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mission Circle at the church.

Clayton Miller

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Clayton M. Miller, 50, died Friday at 6:30 a.m. in Hicksville Community Hospital.

Mr. Miller was a laborer at Nucor Fastener for 25 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Hicksville post of the American Legion and Hicksville Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He was born April 29, 1949, in Peach Creek, W.Va., to the late Harry and Elizabeth (Stanley) Miller.

Surviving him are his fianceé, Nancy Meek; two daughters, Laurie Metel of Fort Wayne and Jennifer Miller of Angola; one brother, Carl Miller of West Virginia; three sisters, Karen Miller, Virginia Sanders and Louise Sanders, all of Chapmansville, W.Va.; and two granddaughters, December Miller and Marissa Everidge, both of Angola.

A son, Joey Miller, and a brother, Dennis Miller, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

His funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Charles Schmunk officiating. Burial will follow in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Clarence Krick

HUBBARD, Texas — A graveside service for Clarence John "Jack" Krick, 72, was held Aug. 25 in Fairview Cemetery in Hubbard, Texas.

Father LaFleur of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church officiated.

Mr. Krick was born Dec. 10, 1926, in Highland Park, Mich., to the late John and Grace (Nartker) Krick.

He married Angela Rippy on Oct. 15, 1966, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael John Krick of Oregon; a daughter, Karen Jean Bassett of Arizona; a stepdaughter, Cheryl Brock of Lorena, Texas; three sisters, "Peg" Zehner of Auburn, Valeria Betty of South Bend and Jaynie Krick of Arlington, Texas; two brothers, Tom Krick and Dick Krick, both of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

A stepson, Robert Rippy, preceded him in death.

Deaths/Funerals

Michael Frownfelter

PLEASANT LAKE — Michael N. Frownfelter, 56, died Monday at 12:20 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He lived on West Long Lake Road, Pleasant Lake, and worked at Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn, for three years. He also owned and operated Frowny's Bait & Tackle in Pleasant Lake. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He graduated in 1960 from Auburn High School and also from the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Frownfelter was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge. He was a member and past commander of DeKalb American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, where he was currently serving as adjutant.

He was born Oct. 23, 1942, in Auburn to the late Maurice N. and Doris Jean (White) Frownfelter.

He married Susanne Byrd on July 29, 1994, in Nashville, Tenn., and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Marne Lynn Derrow of Auburn and Beth Ann Alford of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Lisa Byrd of Diamond Head, Miss., and Edythe Lemonier of Vancouver, Wash.; one brother, Greg of Monroeville; two sisters, Susan Bassett of Howe and Barb Medders of Thomasville, Ga.; one uncle, Robert White of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Mariah and Jason Derrow, Justin Michael Frownfelter, and Megan and Breanna Alford.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rob Seewald officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a graveside military service conducted by DeKalb American Legion Post 97.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Legion post.

Wendall Emerson

ALBION — Wendall D. Emerson, 84, died Saturday at 10:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Nov. 6, 1914, in Morenci, Mich., to Ora and Amiee (Royce) Emerson. On June 6, 1941, in Holgate, Ohio, he married Dorothy Fetzer, who survives.

He lived at Bear Lake for 20 years and had previously lived in Auburn.

He was a meat cutter for Kroger, Suttons, and other stores. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a past commander of the American Legion Post in Bryan, Ohio, and was a member of the Auburn Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. Also, he was a member of Cromwell Lodge F.&A.M. 705, Cromwell; Valley Lodge of Fort Wayne Scottish Rite; Fort Wayne Shriners and Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, and had been church treasurer for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Wendall L. Emerson of Rensselaer and the Rev. Philip Royce Emerson of Lafayette, Ky.; one daughter, Kaye Elizabeth Sorrell of LaFontaine; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today in Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Wolf Lake, with the Rev. Wray McCalester officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Morenci, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, was in charge of arrangements.

Carl Crager

FORT WAYNE — Carl Crager, 62, died Saturday morning at his Fort Wayne home.

He worked at International Harvester for 24 years, and attended school in Garrett and Altona. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He was the son of Johnie and Rebie Neeley Crager. His mother survives in Garrett and his father is deceased.

Also surviving him are two sons, Mark Crager of Rome City and Brian Crager of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Curt Crager of Angola, Cola Crager of Garrett, Kess Crager of Auburn and Bruce Crager of Indianapolis; three sisters, Beulah Herron of Kendallville, Bethel Mabsene of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Belva Demaree of Albion; eight grandchildren; and a companion, Barbara Hamrick of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Cindy Anderson, and one brother, Willie Crager.

His funeral service was held today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial took place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with a military graveside service conducted by DeKalb American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to charities selected by the donors.

Maurice Llewellyn

ASHLEY — Maurice G. "Lew" Llewellyn, 80, died Sunday at his Ashley home.

He was a salesman for Reeves Brothers for 10 years. He lived in Ashley for four years and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 296.

Mr. Llewellyn was born March 15, 1919, in Indianapolis.

He married his wife, Grace, in Sept. 1, 1955, in Taos, N.M., and she died in 1995.

Surviving him are one son, Ronald of California; one daughter, Marcy Dale of Ashley; a stepdaughter, Lydia Logan of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Daniel McCloud of Florida; a brother, Harry Llewellyn of Albuquerque, N.M., 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Memorial Park, Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

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Kenneth Taylor

NAPLES, Fla. — Kenneth D. Taylor, 68, died Saturday at Naples Memorial Hospital.

He was a former Hamilton resident and taught in Hamilton schools for 27 years.

Mr. Taylor was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Hamilton to the late Oscar and Undine (Alford) Taylor.

He is survived by his wife, Diane (Swift) Taylor; one son, Clint Taylor (and wife, Joy) of Naples; one daughter, Laura Herrold (and husband, Eric) of Rochester, Minn.; one brother, Norman Taylor (and wife, Jody) of Naples; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Friday at Golden Gate United Methodist Church in Naples.

A second funeral service will be conducted Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church. Burial will take place in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Beechwood Funeral Home, Naples, is in charge of arrangements.

Floyd Bock

FREMONT — Floyd Robert "Bob" Bock Jr., 68, of Tamarac, Fla., and formerly of Fremont, died Friday at University Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Local graveside services will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday in Jamestown Cemetery, Jamestown Township, Steuben County, with the Rev. Norman Glassburn and the Rev. James Butler officiating.

Roselyn Fischer

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Roselyn M. Fischer, 80, of Defiance, died Monday in Kingsbury House.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Darold Beck officiating.

Paul Cornett

ST. JOE — Paul "Alec" Cornett, 66, died Saturday in his St. Joe home.

He retired in May 1998 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was a service veteran, and an avid fisherman, tour guide and gourmet cook.

Mr. Cornett was born May 15, 1933, in Corbin, Ky.

He is survived by three daughters, Roberta Nutt of St. Joe, Kathy Carpenter of Fort Wayne and Shari Cornett of Salem, Mass.; three sons, Randy Cornett of Irving, Texas, Paul Cornett of Arlington, Texas, and Jeremy Miller of Auburn; one sister, Mary Romines of New Haven; nine grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Martha Jones, Daisy Jones and Rose Andens; and two brothers, Charles and Willis Cornett.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Edward Lemish

ALBION — Edward W. Lemish, 85, died Friday at 9:20 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Lemish was born April 26, 1914, in Ege to John and Mary (Green) Lemish. On July 16, 1936, in Ege, he married L. Faye Kimmel. She preceded him in death June 30, 1990.

He retired from the maintenance department of Phelps Dodge in 1980. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier.

Surviving are one daughter, Martha Ferguson of Churubusco; four sons, Richard Lemish of Churubusco, Kenneth Lemish of Albion, Steven Lemish of Kimmell and James Lemish of Avilla; one sister, Mary Ann Heitz of Waterloo; one brother, Leo Lemish of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by one sister, Helen Bolton, and two brothers, Pete Lemish and Bernard Lemish.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion, with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with a rosary service there at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Evelyn M. Cooper**, 84, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with calling there from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Lucille Newnam

HUDSON — Lucille Newnam, 92, of Hudson and formerly of Angola, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Newnam attended Fairview Missionary Church of Angola and was a former president of the Steuben County Extension Homemakers Club. She was a member of the Gideons International and a former member of the Steuben County Plan Commission.

She was born July 19, 1907, in Pleasant Lake to the late David and Lillian (Cook) Gilbert.

On Aug. 27, 1927, she married Ralph C. Newnam, who preceded her in death on April 22, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois Holcomb of Hudson, and Kathryn Aaron of Angola; and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gideons International and the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Dylan Myers

KENDALLVILLE — Dylan Myers, infant son of Tim and Amy Myers of Kendallville, was stillborn Friday in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his parents are a brother, Dakota J. Myers; and grandparents, Larry and Vickie Wolfe of Kendallville, and Harold Myers of LaGrange.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Patsy Rothgery

TOPEKA — Patsy Everhart Rothgery, 66, of Topeka, died at 4:30 a.m. today in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. She had been ill for several months.

She was born Oct. 13, 1932, in Jay County to Vernon and Mabel (Cook) Ralston. On July 23, 1949, she married Robert Everhart Jr. He preceded her in death Dec. 21, 1990. She later married Robert Rothgery and he preceded her in death Oct. 27, 1996.

Mrs. Rothgery had been a bus driver for West Noble School Corp. She attended Eden Community Worship Center and was a member of the MRH Lake Association, Wolcottville.

Surviving are a son, Bradley Everhart of LaGrange; two daughters, Mrs. Ron (Norma) Harlan of Wolcottville, and Mrs. Russ (Cheryl) Weimer of Howe; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Barry (Joan) Lima of Vermillion, Ohio, Mrs. Larry (Marge) Rector of Bellevue, Ohio, Mrs. Tom (Merita) Burkes of Mentor, Ohio, and Mrs. John (Jean) Sullivan of Pepper Pike, Ohio; four brothers, Joe Ralston and Bob Ralston, both of Geneva, Dave Ralston of Angola, and Bill Ralston of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas; four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery, Geneva.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Drayton Spencer

KENDALLVILLE — Drayton H. Spencer, 77, died Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Born in Logansport, he was a lab technician with International Harvester for 36 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ and American Legion Post 409.

Surviving him are a daughter, Linda Timbrook of Butler; one son, Larry Spencer of Tennessee; three brothers, Thomas W., John W. and Bryon W.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His wife, Doris E. Spencer, preceded him in death in 1994.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. in the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will take place in Leo Cemetery in Leo-Cedarville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, 351 N. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville IN 46755.

Maurice Llewellyn

ASHLEY — Maurice G. "Lew" Llewellyn, 80, died Sunday at his Ashley home.

He was a salesman for Reeves Brothers for 10 years. He lived in Ashley for four years and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 296.

Mr. Llewellyn was born March 15, 1919, in Indianapolis.

He married his wife, Grace, in Sept. 1, 1955, in Taos, N.M., and she died in 1995.

Surviving him are one son, Richard of California; one daughter, Marcy Dale of Ashley; a stepdaughter, Lydia Logan of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Daniel McCloud of Florida; a brother, Harry Llewellyn of Albuquerque, N.M., 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Memorial Park, Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

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Phyllis Bosler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Phyllis Bosler, 40, died Saturday at 2:32 a.m. in Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

She had lived in Hicksville for the past year. She attended Hollywood High School in California and was a waitress for Yoder's Restaurant in Hicksville.

She was born Aug. 14, 1959, in Long Beach, Calif., to the late Tom and Diane (Phillips) Yaeger.

Surviving her are two daughters, Melinda and Melissa Merchant, both of Australia; two sons, Tommy and Danny Merchant, also of Australia; two brothers, Rick and John Yaeger, both of California; and two sisters, Jackie Burrougs and Pat Jaszewski, both of California.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. Pentti Maki will officiate.

Hazel Mock

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel E. Mock, 78, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Kendallville Manor.

Born in North Dakota, she had been the head dietitian with the DeKalb Central United School District.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. Henry Ford of Texas; a sister, Ethel Fritz of Hudson; a niece, Judy Nichoels of Fort Wayne; a grandniece, Patti Shumaker of Waterloo; and a special friend, Otto Mutzl.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William T. Mock, on Dec. 31, 1976; six brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service was held today at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Amber K. Clark

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Fort Wayne

Amber K. Clark, 85, of Fort Wayne, a homemaker, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1999, at Regency Place.

The Garrett native enjoyed golf, bowling and traveling, and was a member of First Assembly of God.

Surviving are sons Stephen A. of Fort Wayne and David of San Diego; a brother, Emory Heitz of Garrett; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald W.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson Foundation or American Cancer Society.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, 426-9494.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Hollinger

HAMILTON — Paul Jacob "Jake" Hollinger, 72, died Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hollinger was a setup operator at Dana Corp. Weatherhead Division in Angola, where he worked for 44 years, retiring in 1992. He was also a lifetime area farmer.

He was born March 29, 1927. in Angola to the late Burton Wilford and Luella (Bowers) Hollinger.

He married Phoebe Ann Miller on Oct. 20, 1950, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert of Burgaw, N.C., Steven of Terre Haute and Jeffery of Hamilton; one daughter, Sue Ann Hollinger of Milwaukee, Wis.; four sisters, his twin, Mary Pauline Moffatt of Duncan, Okla., Janet Lee Kieffer of Indianapolis, June Acker of Kendallville, and Winnie Bowles of Edon, Ohio; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with calling after 11 a.m. David Payne will officiate, with burial to follow in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton Church of Christ Building Fund.

Lucille Newnam

HUDSON — Lucille Newnam, 92, of Hudson and formerly of Angola, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Newnam attended Fairview Missionary Church and was a former president of the Steuben County Extension Homemakers Club. She was a member of the Gideons International and a former member of the Steuben County Plan Commission.

She was born July 19, 1907, in Pleasant Lake to the late David and Lillian (Cook) Gilbert.

On Aug. 27, 1927, she married Ralph C. Newnam, who preceded her in death on April 22, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois Holcomb of Hudson and Kathryn Aaron of Angola; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gideons International and the Steuben County Council on Aging.

The above obituary is being republished to correct information about the location of funeral services.

Doris Shupp

COLDWATER, Mich. — Doris Fern Shupp, 80, of Coldwater, died Wednesday at the Laurels of Coldwater.

Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Betty A. Smith officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Dorothy Gausepohl

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Stove Gausepohl, 92, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton.

A Willshire, Ohio, native, Mrs. Gausepohl was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean L. Thompson of LaOtto, and Joan M. Feichter of Angola; nine grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard, in 1969.

Prayer services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in St. Therese Catholic Church, 2305 Lower Huntington Road, followed by Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 6-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Verna Irene Whitfield**, 95, died Tuesday. Services at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Vincennes.

HOWE — **Evelyn M. Metzger**, 84, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Charles F. Smith**, 82, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Beacon Baptist Church, Kendallville. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

Deaths/Funerals

Phyllis Metcalf

AUBURN — Phyllis Ruth Metcalf, 71, died Thursday afternoon at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Metcalf was a homemaker, and owned and operated Metcalf Indiana Beagles. She was member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn, and a therapy group.

She was born Jan. 27, 1928, in Auburn to the late Theron and Gertrude (Schuster) Farrington.

She married Robert Metcalf on Aug. 30, 1945, in Fort Wayne, and he died March 11, 1987.

Surviving her are two daughters, Linda Hefty (and husband, Ron) of Auburn and Deanna Dunn (and husband, Steve) of Waterloo; one sister, Irene Terry of LaOtto; six grandchildren, Pam Warner, Micah Hefty, Scott Dunn, Lisa Koester, Stacy Dunn and David Hefty; and four great-grandchildren, Kayleigh and Katelyn Warner, Travis Koester and Leah Hefty.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. Doug Barber will officiate, with burial to follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Paul Geiger

AUBURN — Paul B. Geiger, 68, died Aug. 30 at his Auburn home. He formerly lived in Mongo.

Surviving him are his wife, Ruth J. of Auburn; three daughters, Linda Mellinger of LaGrange, Julie Hambrock of Fort Wayne, and Paulette Hambrock of Huntertown; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Carl Dean Merrifield and Mark Hambrock officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne IN 46805

Arno Elder

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Arno R. Elder, 84, died Thursday at 11:10 a.m. in his Hicksville home.

Mr. Elder graduated from Mark Township School in 1933 and Defiance College in 1937. He was in business with his father as Clyde Elder & Son for the next 40 years, and also worked as personnel manager at Dotco. He had lived in Hicksville since 1987.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Sherwood, Ohio, and served as chairman of the congregation for several years.

He was a member of the Mark Township School Board for several years, and served several terms on the Defiance County School Board. He was a member of the Golden Alumni Society of Defiance College. He was on the Hicksville Bank board of directors since 1965, and had served as president of the board.

He was a member for 34 years and a past president of the Hicksville Rotary Club, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a past member of the Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital Board of Governors, serving for 25 years.

Mr. Elder was born July 13, 1915, in Mark Center, Ohio, to Clyde and Pearl (Burd) Elder.

He married Alma Louise Henderson on Sept. 15, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two daughters, Joan Smith of Archnold, Ohio, and Janet Walsh of Marshall, Mich.; a son, Jerry Elder of Austin, Texas; one sister, Betty (Elder) Kelly of Greeley, Colo.; 10 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

His parents and one grandson, Matthew Elder Smith, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Saturday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, with calling after noon. The Rev. Robert D. Eble will officiate. Burial will take place in Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dwight Wolf

HUNTINGTON — Dwight L. "Bud" Wolf, 67, died Wednesday at 8:03 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Monday, which also claimed the life of his brother, James E. Wolf of Bluffton.

He was a heavy equipment operator with the Huntington County Highway Department for 27 years and the State of Indiana Highway Department for seven years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Huntington Exchange Club, the Jeffersonian Club of Huntington, and Loon Creek Church of the Brethren. He served as treasurer of the Huntington County Democratic Party. He was a 1949 graduate of Lancaster High School in Wells County.

Mr. Wolf was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Wells County to DeWitt T. and Esther (Arnold) Wolf.

He married Wanda Rennaker on Aug. 16, 1951, in Liberty Center, and she survives.

Surviving him are five daughters, Jane Robbins (and husband, Charles) and Judy Ungerer (and husband, Edward), both of Auburn; Sue Wolf of Westwood, Kan., and Twila Scott (and husband, Douglas) and Rita Johnson (and husband, John) both of Huntington; one son, Bud D. of Huntington; two brothers, Waldo and Ronald, both of Bluffton; three sisters, Maxine Lude of Columbia City, Ruth Risser of Bluffton and Phyllis Thomas of Geneva; 15 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 1-8 p.m. in Myers Funeral Home-Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington.

His funeral will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Loon Creek Church of the Brethren, 734 W 100 S, Huntington IN 46750.

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Bessie Bloom

GARRETT — Bessie C. Bloom, 86, died Monday at her Garrett home.

Mrs. Bloom was a homemaker and a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star in Garrett. She also was a member of Calvary Chapel Worship Center.

She was born Sept. 2, 1913, in Kendallville to the late George and Fern Sucher.

She married Harold Bloom on May 29, 1940, in Avilla, and he died Feb. 16, 1994.

Surviving her are a nephew, Donald G. Thompson of Hudson; a great-nephew, Robert Thompson of Ashley; and two great-nieces, Diana Collins of Harlan and Chris Colman of Auburn.

One sister, Gertrude Thompson, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. An Order of Eastern Star service will be conducted Saturday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Calvary Chapel Worship Center.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gregory Whitcomb Copp**, 50, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Columbia City United Methodist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ryan Anthony Kneer** died Sept. 3 shorlty after birth. Graveside services at 3 p.m. Saturday in Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City, with calling an hour earlier at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Deaths/Funerals

Patricia Huntine

FREMONT — Patricia Ann Huntine, 56, of Big Otter Lake, died Friday in her home.

Mrs. Huntine worked as manager of the tax department at Lincoln National Corp. and belonged to the Lake George Lutheran Chapel, the Angola Women of the Moose, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Lady Elks of Angola.

She was born May 15, 1943, in Woodburn to Walter and Katheryn (Smith) Gerbers. Her father survives and her mother preceded her in death.

On Jan. 30, 1993, she married Thomas W. Huntine, who survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a son, Rodney J. Rathge of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Lorie Shaw of Effingham, Ill.; two brothers, Thomas and Roger Gerbers of New Haven; four sisters, Donna Gearhart of Fremont, Sandra Gerbers of New Haven and Penny Stopher and Rhonda Wells, both of Harlan; one grandchild and eight stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Her funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home, with Pastor Robert Smith officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to Lake George Lutheran Chapel and the Mayo Clinic.

Ruth Harlan

ALBION — Ruth Harlan, 88, of Albion, died Friday in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Harlan was a homemaker and a resident of the area for her entire life.

She was born in Noble County on Oct. 27, 1910, to Grace Bradley and John P. Moore. She was married Oct. 10, 1932, to John W. Harlan in Harlan County.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Frank (Betty) Knach of Rome City; two sons, Arnold Harlan of Lafayette and Thomas Harlan of Auburn; and seven grandchildren.

One sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Visitors may call Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Albion.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home Monday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Wanda Richmond

GARRETT — Wanda Pauline Richmond, 87, died Friday at 4:52 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Miss Richmond was a beautician, owning and operating Wanda's Beauty Shop for 47 years until she retired in 1980. She was a lifetime Garrett resident and was a member of the First Church of Christ.

She was born Sept. 11, 1911, in Garrett, to the late Jacob W. and Eliza B. (Chambers) Richmond.

Surviving her are three sisters, Evelyn Dalrymple of Fremont, Inez Walter of Coldwater, Mich., and Hilda Mahnesmith of Garrett; and one brother, Earl Richmond of Auburn.

Two brothers, Wilford and James Richmond, and one sister, Alma Burtch, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service was held today at 10:30 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial took place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Ruth Harlan

ALBION — Ruth Harlan, 88, of Albion, died Friday in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born Oct. 27, 1910, in Noble County, to John P. and Grace (Bradley) Moore. On Oct. 10, 1932, in Noble County, she married John W. Harlan. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Mrs. Harlan, a lifetime area resident, was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Betty) Knach of Rome City; two sons, Arnold Harlan of Lafayette, and Thomas Harlan of Auburn; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 25 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held today at 2 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart home activity fund.

Zelda Zeigler-Little

HAMILTON — Zelda K. Zeigler-Little, 87, died Saturday in Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Conn.

Mrs. Zeigler-Little had served as food services manager at Cameron Hospital in Angola, retiring in 1975. She formerly lived in Hamilton, where she had been a lifelong resident of the area. She was a member of Zion United Methodist Church of Butler.

She was born Dec. 29, 1911, in Hamilton to the late Arthur and Matilda Chapman.

She married Warren L. Zeigler on April 10, 1930, and he died Oct. 30, 1970. She then married Glenn D. Little on May 3, 1975, and he died Sept. 11, 1996.

Surviving her are three sons, Bob Zeigler of Angola, Gary Zeigler of Wayne, Pa., and Jim Zeigler of Sandy Hook, Conn.; one stepdaughter, Sharon Surfus of Springfield, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Earnest Zeigler; one stepson, Max Little; two sisters, Florence Brokaw and Isabelle Chapman; and two brothers, Cordell Culbertson and Kenneth Chapman.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel in Hamilton.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kathie Hostetter officiating. Burial will take place in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to charities selected by the donors.

Mary Schweitzer

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Alice Schweitzer, 83, died Sunday at 1:20 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. She had been in failing health approximately two years.

She was born Feb. 20, 1916, in Ligonier, to Dr. James and Maryann (Rausch) Anderson. On May 29, 1938, in Richmond, she married Vern W. Schweitzer. He survives.

Mrs. Schweitzer was the owner of Glamour Glen Beauty Shop in Kendallville, and retired in 1982. She was a graduate of Ashley High School and Warner Beauty College and School of Cosmetology in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville, and Noble Chapter 122 Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving with her husband are five daughters and sons-in-law, Marcia and Roger Bonner of Muskegon, Mich.; Nora and Randy Page of Rome City, Jane and Kenneth Nowk of Kendallville, Kathy and Scott King of Cicero, and Kitty and Roger Alspach of Troy, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Alanson and Marita Schweitzer of Clifton, Va.; a sister, Helen Mertz of Ashley; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble Chapter No. 122 Order of the Eastern Star or Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary.

(The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information not provided earlier.)

Evening Star, Mon., Sept. 13, 1999 (cont'd)

Regina Riggers

ANGOLA — Regina T. Riggers, 53, of Angola, died Sunday at her home.

She was a graduate of Huntington Catholic High School and a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. She had worked as a waitress at the Angola Ponderosa since 1988.

She was born July 10, 1946, in Huntington to Donald and Luralee (Poe) Drummond. Her mother survives in Huntington.

Also surviving are three sons, Tim Hoke of Fort Wayne, J.D. Riggers of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Scott Riggers of Huntington; a daughter, Lori Westmoreland of Nicholson, Ga.; a sister, Marlene Burkhart of Huntington; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1996.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Friends may call one hour before services at the church. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Phyllis A. Boggs**, 83, died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Graveside services at Merriam Chapel Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Visitation is from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

LAGRANGE — **Velma N. Mirgain**, 88, died at 11:28 a.m. Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Wendell Caywood

LEO — Wendell D. Caywood, 58, died Monday afternoon at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Caywood worked in the experimental department of Zollner Corp, retiring after 37 years of service.

He was born Sept. 29, 1940, to Emanuel and Hilda (Arnold) Caywood. They survive in Fort Wayne

He married Phyllis Boyd on Sept. 10, 1960, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Duane Caywood of Garrett; four brothers, Don of Auburn, Jim of Pennsylvania, John Michael of Huntertown, and Dale of Wolcottville; one sister, Diana Frey of Granger; and three grandchildren, Christy Caywood of Fort Wayne, and Emily Caywood and Michaela Caywood, both of Garrett.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Doug Zehr officiating. Burial will take place in Leo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46805; of the American Lung Association of Northeast Indiana, 802 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Paul Cornett

ST. JOE — Paul "Alec" Cornett, 66, died Saturday in his St. Joe home.

Mr. Cornett retired in May 1998 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was a service veteran, and an avid fisherman, tour guide and gourmet cook.

He was born May 15, 1933, in Corbin, Ky.

He is survived by three daughters, Roberta Nutt of St. Joe, Kathy Carpenter of Fort Wayne and Shari Cornett of Salem, Mass.; three sons, Randy Cornett of Irving, Texas, Paul Cornett of Arlington, Texas, and Jeremy Miller of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Robyn Jones of Fort Wayne and Angel Leger of Grand Prairie, Texas, one sister, Mary Romines of New Haven; two brothers, Curtis Cornett of Fort Wayne and John Cornett of Canal Point, Fla; nine grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Martha Jones, Daisy Jones and Rose Andens; and two brothers, Charles and Willis Cornett.

His funeral service was conducted Sept. 9 in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial took place in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Luetta Mais

RICHLAND HILLS, Texas — Luetta "Lou" Mais, 95, a Steuben County native, died Aug. 24 at the North Richland Hills Care Center.

Mrs. Mais was a school teacher for 30 years, and spent 24 years in Indiana schools.

She was born Jan. 2, 1904, in Steuben County.

Surviving are a son, Peter Mais III (and wife, Georgene) of Richland Hills; a daughter, Lynette Hobbs (and husband, Charles) of Richland Hills; a brother, Lewis "Bud" Whysong of Ashley; three sisters, Alice Brooks of Pleasant Lake, Ethel Whipple of Fruitland Park, Fla., and Evelyn Hovarter of Old Town, Fla.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and close family friends, Bob and Opal Brever.

Services were held at the Lucas Funeral Home, Richland Hills. Burial was in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, Richland Hills. Arrangements were made by Lucas Funeral Home, Hurst, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Peter J. Mais Jr., and a brother and a sister.

Dean Porter

ANGOLA — Dean V. Porter, 69, of Angola, died Monday at his home.

Mr. Porter was a retired employee of Moore Business Forms. A veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge, and he was named the Moose of the Year for the 3rd District for 1999.

He was born May 4, 1930, in Steuben County to the late Andrew Floyd and Luana (Blackman) Porter.

On Sept. 21, 1962, he married Joan (Beck) Porter, who preceded him in death on Oct. 25, 1997.

Surviving are two brothers, Sanford Porter of Mark Center, Ohio, and Virgil Porter of Kennewick, Wash.; a sister, Donna Hartzell of Topeka, Kan.; five nieces and four nephews.

Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with Willard McKinley officiating. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Roselle Linse

FORT WAYNE — Roselle Eldora Linse, 89, died Monday at her Fort Wayne home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Linse was born Aug. 16, 1910, in Montpelier, Ohio. Her husband, Robert H. Linse, died Nov. 19, 1975.

Surviving her are a brother, Wendell Lane of Kendallville; a niece, Betty Hulett of Rome City; a half-sister, Arlene Eley of Auburn; a great-niece, Robin Haines of Rome City; and friends, Chad and Kathy Ware.

A sister, Theo Dennis, preceded her in death.

A graveside committal service will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Rome City United Methodist Church.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Vera Lubomirski

LIGONIER — Vera L. Lubomirski, 86, died Thursday at Kingston of Ligonier.

She was born in Steuben County.

There are no known survivors.

There will be no calling hours or services. Burial will take place in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Virginia Davis**, 78, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jennie Gorski**., 29, died Sunday following a traffic accident. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Crystal J. Scott**, died Sunday in a traffic accident. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Kim Scharpenberg

BURLESON, Texas — Kim A. Scharpenberg, 43, of Burleson, died Saturday in a hiking accident at Makaha, Hawaii.

Scharpenberg

Mr. Scharpenberg worked as a senior computer scientist at Computer Science Corp., Fort Worth, Texas. He had an adventuresome spirit.

He was born April 9, 1956, in Fort Wayne to the late Paul and Norma (Stegmann) Scharpenberg.

On May 15, he married Marsha (Harris) Scharpenberg, who survives in Burleson.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Scharpenberg of Burleson; two brothers, Ken Scharpenberg of Columbia City, and Dale Scharpenberg of Montpelier; and two sisters, Carol Gardner of Angola, and his twin, Kay Ames of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church building fund and the Steuben County Humane Society.

Elma Lung

HAMILTON — Elma M. Lung, 84, died Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Lung had worked as the head shipping clerk for the former Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler. She also worked as an aide at the Butler Rest Home.

She was born March 2, 1915, in Ohio to the late Howard and Blanch (Baughman) Franks.

She married Henry E. Lung Sr. on Sept. 7, 1934, in Auburn. He died April 23, 1988.

Surviving her are two daughters, Nancy Shultz (and husband, Earl) of Butler and Barbara Wagner of Warsaw; two brothers, James "Jim" Lung (and wife, Lu) of Butler and Henry E. Lung Jr. (and wife, Marilyn) of Highland, Utah; one sister, Frieda Potter of Hicksville, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Gloria Keltner-Butler; six sisters, Ethel Budd, Jenny Robbins, Dessie Van Dolah, Gladys Potter, Verna Bell, and Johanna Sindel; and one grandson, Brian Lung.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Her funeral will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Council on Aging.

Byron Nay

ANGOLA — Byron W. Nay, 56, of Angola, died Tuesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Nay had lived in Angola for the past 14 years after moving from Fort Wayne. He worked as a production programmer for 35 years at Armour-Swift-Eckrich Co., Quincy, Mich. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Legion of the Moose. He also was a member of the Montpelier, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 8, 1943, in Indianapolis to the late Marvin and Lillian (Deaton) Nay.

On Aug. 5, 1967, he married Carolyn (Shaffer) Nay, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Andrea Nay and Erin Nay, both at home; and a son, Daniel Nay, at home.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Arvada M. Ruble**, 91, died Tuesday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Friday in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Rev. Cecil King Jr.

ARCADIA, Fla. — The Rev. Cecil E. King Jr., 72, died Wednesday in Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Punta Gorda, Fla.

From 1973 until his retirement in 1988, he served as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Ohio.

He lived in Arcadia, Fla., and formerly in Danbury, Ohio. He graduated from Danbury High School and worked at Standard Products in Port Clinton, Ohio. He also worked at the Peninsula News in Marblehead, Fla.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Wittenburg University, and a master of divinity degree from Hamma School of Theology in 1968. He served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and Stone Lutheran Church, both near Jeromesville, Ohio, from 1968 to 1973.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Pacific campaign in World War II and in the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oliver H. Perry Masonic Lodge 341, F.&A.M., of Port Clinton, and a member of Rotary International, serving as past president in Hicksville.

He was born March 15, 1927, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Cecil E. and Agnes L. (Middendorf) King Sr.

He married Helen Kerns in June 5, 1946, in Danbury, and she survives.

Also surviving him are three sons, James of Auburn, Jeffrey of Mansfield and Gregory of Ashland, Ohio; three daughters, Carol Jackman of Columbus, Ohio, Mary King of Aliquippa, Pa., and Sandra McMillen of Mansfield, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 1-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in Gerner-Wolf-Kopchak Funeral Home, Port Clinton. A Masonic service will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Danbury, with calling after 9 a.m. (Indiana time). Burial will take place in the church cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Danbury, or Stein Hospice of Sandusky, Ohio.

Maurice Cass

WOLCOTTVILLE — Maurice P. Cass, 88, of Wolcottville, died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday in ExtendaCare, Kendallville.

He was born in Ligonier on Sept. 11, 1911, to John and Belva (Umbenhour) Cass. On Oct. 25, 1939, in Avilla, he married Thelma R. Fortman. She survives.

Mr. Cass was a retired sales representative and a member of St. Gaspar's Catholic Church, Rome City.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Joan Bortner of Wolcottville, and Pat Pfafman of Avilla; a son, Tom Cass of Elkhart; two brothers, Leland Cass of Indianapolis, and Donald Cass of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert and Robert.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Gaspar's Catholic Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullens officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. today.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church.

Elma Lung

HAMILTON — Elma M. Lung, 84, died Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Lung had worked as the head shipping clerk for the former Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler. She also worked as an aide at the Butler Rest Home.

She was born March 2, 1915, in Ohio to the late Howard and Blanch (Baughman) Franks.

She married Henry E. Lung Sr. on Sept. 7, 1934, in Auburn. He died April 23, 1988.

Surviving her are two daughters, Nancy Shultz (and husband, Earl) of Butler and Barbara Wagner of Warsaw; two sons, James "Jim" Lung (and wife, Lu) of Butler and Henry E. Lung Jr. (and wife, Marilyn) of Highland, Utah; one sister, Frieda Potter of Hicksville, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Gloria Keltner-Butler; six sisters, Ethel Budd, Jenny Robbins, Dessie Van Dolah, Gladys Potter, Verna Bell and Johanna Sindel; and one grandson, Brian Lung.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Her funeral will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Council on Aging.

Evening Star, Fri, Sept. 17, 1999 (cont'd)

Bobby Potter

JACKSON, Ky. — Bobby Eugene Potter, 65, died Aug. 27 in St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

He was a retired factory worker and attended the Miller's Branch United Baptist Church in Miller's Branch, Ky. He lived in Jackson, Ky., and formerly lived in the Auburn area.

Surviving him are his wife, Beverly Potter; his father, Matt Potter of Jackson; his mother, Ida Pennington Potter of Jackson; one daughter, Barbara Sue Brewer of Sandborn, Ind.; two sons, Price Roger Potter of St. Joe and Timothy Eugene Potter of Waterloo; two brothers, Harvey Potter and Grover Potter, both of Jackson; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

One daughter, Denisha Ann Potter, preceded him in death.

His funeral service was held Aug. 30 in Watts Funeral Home Chapel in Jackson, with the Rev. Virgil Turner officiating. Burial took place in Pennington Cemetery, Canoe, Ky.

Kenneth Taylor

HAMILTON — A memorial service for Hamilton native Kenneth D. Taylor, 68, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor died Sept. 4 in Naples Memorial Hospital in Naples, Fla. He was a teacher for 27 years in Hamilton Community Schools, and was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, where he often spoke from the pulpit.

He was born in 1930 in rural Hamilton to the late Oscar and Undine (Alford) Hamilton.

Surviving him are his wife, Diane; one son, Clint (and wife, Joy) of Naples; one daughter, Laura Herrold (and husband, Eric) of Rochester, Minn.; one brother, Norman (and wife,Jodi) of Naples; and four grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

The Evening Star, Sat., Sept. 18, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Betty Haynes

AUBURN — Betty Haynes, 76, died Thursday at 1:25 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Haynes was a homemaker and lived on County Road 32, Auburn.

She was born March 7, 1923, in DeKalb County to the late Chester D. and Emma (Combs) Grogg.

She married D. Duwayne Haynes on Nov. 16, 1946, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, David of Whitefish Bay, Wis.; one daughter, Elizabeth Diane Sayles of Corunna; and four grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew Sayles, and Nicholas and Katharine Haynes.

A sister, Ruth Anthony, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Monday at 11a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jason Hollowpeter officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Helen Marie Bartels

AUBURN — Helen Marie Bartels, 93, died Friday at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Miss Bartels

Miss Bartels was retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, where she was very active in the Trinity Women's Society and sang in the church choir. She was also a member of the Lexos Club of GE.

She was born Sept. 6, 1906, in Auburn to the late Charles and Lydia (Feller) Bartels.

She is survived by a sister, Mable Souder of Auburn; a sister-in-law, June Bartels of Noblesville; two nieces and their husbands, Doris and Dr. William Boyer of Auburn, Ala., and Donna and Dr. Carl Holl of Noblesville; seven great-nieces and great-nephews, Cheryl Milukas, Mark Holl, Michael Holl, Kim Etcheson, Peggy Sedlacek, Teresa Champion and Cathy Costelle; and 14 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Franklin Bartels, and a sister, Ruth Bartels.

Friends may call Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Her funeral service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Evening Star, Sat., Sept. 18, 1999 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Mildred A. Randol**, 93, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Visitation is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

SYRACUSE — **Alvin R. Drake**, 79, died Friday at 4:20 p.m. at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Funeral services Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Mohsinul Huq

LAMBERTVILLE, Mich. — Mohsinhul Huq, 67, of Angola, died of long-term diabetic complications Sept. 3 at University of Michigan Hospital.

Dr. Huq came to Angola in 1960 and was a professor of mechanical engineering at Tri-State University.

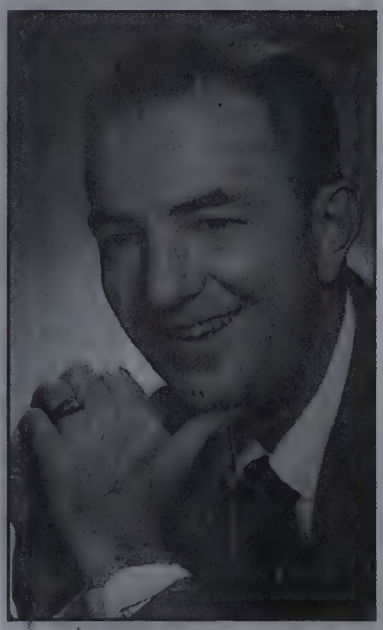
Surviving are his wife, Zarina; two sons, Maxood and Majed; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Huq's body was flown to Bangladesh for burial.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

The Evening Star, Mon., Sept. 20, 1999

Deaths/Funerals



Mr. Heinzerling

Harry Heinzerling

GARRETT — Harry DeKalb Heinzerling, 91, died Sunday at 2 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was born April 29, 1908, in Garrett to Garrett pioneers Carl and Pluma (Connelly) Heinzerling, both now deceased.

Mr. Heinzerling helped his father run the first hardware store in Garrett until his father's death in 1950. The store was sold and he went to work at the Creek Chub Bait Co., which his father and two partners started in 1906. He served as sales manager from 1951-1978, when the factory was sold to Great American Fishing Supply in Sioux City, Iowa. He served as a director of the Creek Chub Bait Co. and was nationally known for the products he sold in over 30 countries.

He was active in the Garrett community, starting the very first Junior Chamber of Commerce chapter and serving as president. He later held offices in the Senior Chamber of Commerce. He was on the Garrett school board for 12 years, during the consolidation with Keyser and Butler townships. He served as president of the Indiana State School Board and attended national meetings. He was a director of the GSB Holding Corp. and was director emeritus on the Garrett State Bank board of directors, serving since 1951.

He was an avid golfer, playing in the Indiana Open several times and twice in the National PGA tournament. He was a member of the National Fishing Lure Association, a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of the Mizpah Shrine. He was one of the original members of the Garrett and DeKalb County historical societies. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He married Thais H. Hamilton on July 13, 1929, in Goshen, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Gretel Smith and Katrina Custer, both of Garrett, and Johanna Gordon-Byanski of Berlin Heights, Ohio; two sons, Derek of Avilla and Franz of Baltimore, Md.; 19 grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

One son, Carl Hans Heinzerling, preceded him in death.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

A private graveside service will be held in the Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Garrett Historical Society, P.O. Box 225, Garrett IN 46738.

Evening Star, Mon., Sept. 20, 1999 (cont'd)

Thelma Caldwell

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma J. Caldwell, 59, of Jacksonville, Fla., died today at 5:52 a.m. in Brimfield. She had been in failing health approximately one year.

She was born June 23, 1940, in Bolen, Ky., to Noah and Frances (Conley) Gibson. On Aug. 3, 1996, she married Calvin R. Caldwell in Jacksonville. He survives in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Caldwell was a customer service representative for CSX Transportation for 20 years. She had resided in Garrett before moving to Jacksonville in 1992. She was a member of Beaches Church of the Nazarene at Neptune Beach, Fla., and Transportation/Communications International Union.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Leslie Isbell of Jacksonville, Fla., Kelly McClish of Garrett, and Carla Shisler of Butler; three stepsons, Calvin R. Caldwell of Glasgow, Scotland, Timothy Caldwell of Walled Lake, Mich., and Todd A. Caldwell of Novi, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Cindy Cordeiro of Hyannis, Mass., and Sally McKinley of Hudson, N.H.; seven sisters, Patsy Patton of Butler, Stella Howe of Waterloo, Helen Zimmerman of Brimfield, Ruby McCoy of Albion, Mae Gibson of Auburn, Faye Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis., and Rosie Wood of Mongo; a brother, David Gibson of Brimfield; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Beaches Church of the Nazarene, 424 Davis St., Neptune Beach, FL 32266, or Community Hospice of Northeast, Fla., 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **William R. Schane**, 70, died Friday. Private family services. No calling.

Marie Matson

ANGOLA — Marie F. Matson, 82, of Angola, died Friday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Matson was a cook at Pleasant Lake Elementary School. She was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, Ashley Chapter 229 of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Steuben County Republican Women's Club and the Pleasant Lake Lioness Club.

She was born March 27, 1917, in Bryan, Ohio, to the late Elmer T. and Nora E. (Kunkle) Young.

In 1938, she married James J. Matson, who died April 30, 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Matson of Angola and James Matson Jr. of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Virginia Lee of Angola; a brother, James Young of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Lucile Haley of Angola; and five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Edward Clark Matson; a brother, Marion Young; two sisters, Dessa Young and Gertrude Kuhnhein; and a granddaughter, Debbie Matson.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, where a service by the Ashley Eastern Star will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Willard Stump

GARRETT — Willard E. Stump, 91, died Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Stump was a retired farmer and lived on Woodview Drive in Garrett. He attended Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn.

He was born May 7, 1908, in Walkerton, Liberty Township, St. Joseph County, Ind., to the late Harvey and Bessie E. (Gensinger) Stump.

His first wife, Flossie M. Knowlton Stump, died in 1982, and his second wife, Lavon "Bonnie" Judge Weaver Russell Stump, died in 1988.

Surviving him are a brother, Floyd Stump of Plymouth, Fla.; a sister, Fern Irene Troche of Bremen; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Geroby Stump; a daughter, Joy E. Haynes; and a sister, Sarah Stump.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after noon. The Rev. Donald Shankster of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will take place Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Fair Cemetery in Lakeville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Benjamin Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Benjamin Robert Butler, 28, of Kendallville, died at 4 a.m. Saturday in the 5900 block of East LaGrange C.R. 700S, Wolcottville, in a one-vehicle accident.

Butler

He was born May 5, 1971, in Terre Haute to Jeff and Vickie (Clevenger) Butler. His mother, Vickie Petrie, survives in Kendallville, and his father survives in Richmond.

Mr. Butler was employed by Atwood Mobile Products, formerly Machine-Rite Products, in LaGrange. He was a graduate of Richmond High School and had attended both Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in LaGrange.

Surviving with his parents are his stepmother, Karen Butler of Richmond; his stepfather, David Petrie of Kendallville; two brothers, Matt Butler of Avilla, and Nathan Butler of Richmond; three sisters, Brynn Petrie of Kendallville, and Ashley Butler and Stephanie Butler, both of Richmond; maternal grandparents, Keith and Barbara Clevenger of Orland; paternal grandparents, Jim and Joan Butler of Angola; a great-grandmother, Irene Butler of Orland; and a stepgrandmother, Vera Petrie of Avilla.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Tues., Sept. 21, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Rita Cox

LAGRANGE — Rita D. Cox, 39, of LaGrange, died at 7:55 a.m. Monday in her residence.

She was born Oct. 11, 1959, in Kendallville to Henry and Emma (Harter) Stevens. Her father survives in Auburn and her mother in Corunna. On Nov. 11, 1976, in Waterloo, she married Carl Cox, who also survives.

Mrs. Cox, a homemaker, was a graduate of DeKalb High School and a member of Victory Baptist Church in Waterloo.

Surviving with her husband and parents are two daughters, Angie Smith of Pleasant Lake, and Jody Cox of Angola; a son, Logan Cox of LaGrange; two brothers, Calvin Stevens of Garrett, and Tim Stevens of Ashley; and two sisters, Linda Coons and Julie Stevens, both of Auburn.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in South Milford Church of Christ, with the Rev. Mike Sassanella officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, rural, Wolcottville.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Professional Credit Union, Kendallville Branch, to be distributed to various organizations.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Steven H. Leazier**, 45, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

CROMWELL — **Roy E. Teague**, 49, died Monday. Services at 7 p.m. today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 2 p.m. until services.

HOWE — **William "Bill" Axley**, 83, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary E. Weigel Fuller**, 93, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **James H. Wilson Jr.**, 73, died Monday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Gardens of Memory, Muncie. Calling two hours before services.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Gary A. Ford**, 58, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

The Evening Star, Wed., Sept. 22, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Wanda Tackels

GARRETT — Wanda A. Tackels, 62, died Tuesday at 3:41 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tackels was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Garrett. She was a member of the Bread of Life Worship Center.

She was born Sept. 16, 1937, in Fort Wayne to the late Walter A. and Bertha L. (Straub) Dove.

She married Charles L. Tackels on June 26, 1954, in Fort Wayne, and he died in December 1996.

Surviving her are two daughters, Sandra Brown and Marie Tackels, both of Garrett; two sons, Daniel W. of Auburn and Steven L. of Garrett; one brother, Howard Dove of Auburn; one sister, Thelma Woodward of New Haven; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Frieda Hoffman.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 2 p.m. Jim Young will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Evening Star, Wed., Sept. 22, 1999 (cont'd)

Donald Gall

GARRETT — Donald E. Gall, 72, died Tuesday at 8:35 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Gall was a delivery person for United Parcel Service for 20 years, retiring in 1984. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178 and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a lifelong Garrett resident.

He was born April 12, 1927, in Butler to the late Otis E. and Mamie (White) Gall.

He married Dorothy M. McCosh on Nov. 19, 1951, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald, Denny and Chris, all of Garrett; one daughter, Daphne Edmond of Knox; three sisters, Doris Hodges and Mildred Behlke, both of Defiance, Ohio, and Eula Smith of Auburn; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

His funeral service will be held Monday at 6 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 2 p.m. Dr. Gary Hodges will officiate, with military honors at the conclusion of the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ronald Thompson

FREMONT — Ronald G. Thompson, 49, of Fremont, died Monday at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

A graduate of Wauseon High School in Wauseon, Ohio, Mr. Thompson lived in Fremont for 26 years. He was a truck driver for Booth Poultry Farm in Orland and also worked as a dairy farmer and horse trader.

He was born Sept. 14, 1950, in Wauseon to the late Edgar and Edith (Decker) Thompson.

On July 23, 1969, he married Irene Sue Battig, who survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dawn Traxler of Pioneer, Ohio; a brother, Lloyd Thompson of Las Vegas; and four sisters, Gloria Forrest, Carolyn Downing and Jeanette McCord of Delta, Ohio, and Crys Van Dusen of St. Charles, Mo.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Winameg Cemetery, Delta, Ohio.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruth L. Worman**, 84, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Marie Schulthess

AUBURN — Marie E. Schulthess, 80, died Wednesday at 10:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Schulthess was a homemaker and lived on East Fourth Street, Auburn. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Auburn American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary, and the DeKalb County Democrat Women's Club.

She was born June 11, 1919, in Garrett to the late Thomas J. and Clara B. (Steinbrunner) Noel.

She married Earl Schulthess on Dec. 25, 1941, in Garrett, and he died Jan. 26, 1964.

Surviving her is one sister, Ellamae Fike of Garrett.

A brother, Edwin C. Noel, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Larry Smith of the Garrett United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Children First Center, Auburn.

Armella Herbolsheimer-Westfall

McMINNVILLE, Ore. — Armella Herbolsheimer-Westfall, 89, a former Garrett resident, died Sunday in McMinnville.

She was raised and educated in South Dakota. She lived in Garrett for 25 years and spent time in Arkansas during her retirement years. She moved to Tacoma, Wash., in early 1990, and to McMinnville in 1994. She enjoyed sewing and crafts, was an avid bowler, and was a member of the Elks Lodge.

She was born July 22, 1910, in Chester, S.D., to the late Hillarius and Margaret (Frank) Achen.

She married Roger Herbolsheimer on Dec. 22, 1945, in Gary, and he died in 1971. She married Merle Westfall on Dec. 30, 1972, and he died in 1992.

Surviving her are two brothers, Lawrence Achen of Reedsport, Ore., and Orville Achen of Vancouver, Ore.; two sisters, Erma Ehret of McMinnville and Mildred Knotz of Canby, Minn.; and a stepsister. Patty Nelson.

A graveside service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan officiating. There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Thurs., Sept. 23, 1999 (cont'd)

Margie Gulick

CAMDEN, Mich. — Margie Marie Gulick, 49, of Camden and formerly of Fremont, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gulick was the co-owner of Gulick Truck Parts & Service, Fremont, and a former owner of Action Realty Co., Camden.

She was born Nov. 15, 1949, in Bryan, Ohio, to the late Cleo and Lurene (Hand) Smith.

On June 15, 1975, in Hillsdale, Mich., she married Irv Gulick, who survives at home.

Also surviving are her stepmother, Juanita Smith of Fremont; two daughters, Mrs. John (April) Callaway of Fremont, and Mrs. Joe (Marion) Sherman of Angola; three sons, James Gulick of Quincy, Mich., Irv "Corky" Gulick (and wife, Lori) of Coldwater, Mich., and Arthur Gulick of Quincy; three sisters, Ilene Snyder of Angola, Francis Kreischer of Montpelier, Ohio, and Joanne Becker of Pioneer, Ohio; a stepsister, Sue Rumsey of Angola; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandchild, Kyle Carpenter; and a brother, Bob Smith.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Lutheran Foundation Transplant Patient Assistance Fund, 3024 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Patricia Coyle Lemley**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Union, Ky.

The Evening Star, Fri., Sept. 24, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Wilmer Stock

FREMONT — Wilmer F. "Bill" Stock, 88, of Fremont, died Thursday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Stock was a retired farmer. He and his wife also managed the Lake James Country Club, Holiday House and Hamilton House restaurants. He was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

He was born Nov. 17, 1910, in Fort Wayne to the late Rudolph and Anna (Piepenbrink) Stock.

On Feb. 28, 1932, he married Ruth Stock, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Judy Colandino of Garrett, and Janice Kryling of Granger; three sons, Jeffk, Jim and John, all of Angola; a brother, Arthur of Waynedale; a sister, Vera Salzbrenner of Angola; and 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church building fund, 1300 N. Williams St., Angola.

Mary Schimpf

JUNO BEACH, Fla. — Mary Lee Schimpf, 66, died Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Jupiter Memorial Hospital in Jupiter, Fla.

She had retired as a waitress from Love & Bagels.

She was born Jan. 23, 1933, in DeKalb County to the late Carrie (Oster) and Kenneth George.

Surviving her are two sons, William E. of Waterloo and David L. of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; one daughter, Joleene Kaiser (and husband, Timothy) of Butler; and one granddaughter, Shasta Schimpf.

A memorial service will be held today in Tequesta, Fla.

Aycock Funeral Home, Tequesta, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Fri, Sept. 24, 1999 (cont'd)

Helen Wehrle

FORT WAYNE — Helen Wehrle, 81, died Thursday at St. Joseph Medical Center.

She was a homemaker and was born in Fort Wayne. She was an avid sports fan, especially of Notre Dame. She was a graduate of St. Catherine's Academy and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

She married Robert J. Wehrle, who preceded her in death in 1963. She then married Richard C. Wehrle, who died in 1979.

Surviving her are three daughters, Monica Wehrle of Fort Wayne, and Peggy Elder-Nelson and Carolyn Sue Michelbrink, both of Auburn; three sons, James A. of Churubusco, Thomas of Summerville, S.C., and Joseph of Ogden, Utah; one brother, Kenneth Eber of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Wehrle, in 1972 and a grandchild in 1965.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. The rosary will be recited tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anne Chapel, 1900 Randallia Drive, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Anne Home, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or masses.

Lucille Gibson

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Lucille Gibson, 71, died Wednesday morning at her Cookeville, Tenn., home.

She was a homemaker and was affiliated with the Full Gospel Church in Cookeville. She lived most of her life in Tennessee.

She was born April 9, 1928, in Stearns, Ky., to the late Jeff and Flora Mae (Phillips) Stephens. Her first husband, Birchel Gibson, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are her husband Mitchell Phillips of Hilham, Tenn.; two sons, Charles Gibson of Youngstown, Ohio, and Jackie Fugate of Tampa, Fla.; two brothers, Beecher Stephens of Kendallville and Eugene Stephens of Covington, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Birchel David Gibson, and two sisters, Nobel Stephens and Juanita Dorey.

Her funeral service was held today in the chapel of the Livingston Funeral Home in Livingston, Tenn., with Aron Dillon officiating. Burial took place in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Henry A. Yoder**, 82, died at 10:06 a.m. Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the family residence, 62137 C.R. 33, Goshen, with calling there after 11 a.m. Saturday and all day Sunday.

SYRACUSE — **Stanley E. Reed**, 69, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

The Evening Star, Sat., Sept. 25, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Marcella Mullins

GARRETT — Marcella Mullins, 19, died Thursday at 11:46 a.m. as the result of a two-vehicle collision in Garrett.

Mrs. Mullins was a homemaker and Garrett resident. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1998 and served on the council for Garrett Head Start.

She was born Feb. 25, 1980, in Auburn. Her parents, Leon Hicks of Kendallville and Marta New of Garrett, survive.

Also surviving are her husband, Charles "Ed" Mullins; one son, Edward Lucus Mullins, at home; two daughters, Elexis M. Mullins and Alicia Marie Mullins, both at home; one brother, Leon Hicks of Garrett; one sister, Jackie New of Garrett; her grandmother, Ruthie Jane New of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Lucus, and one sister, Chrissy, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, LaGrange County, with calling after 4 p.m. The Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Robert Slone will officiate.

Burial will take place in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Mary Bradley

LAOTTO — Mary E. Bradley, 63, of LaOtto, died at 7 a.m. Friday at her residence.

She retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 25 years of service, and had lived in LaOtto for 34 years, having moved from Wolcottville. She was a 1953 graduate of Wolcottville High School.

She was born in Farmerville, Ohio, on Dec. 5, 1935. Her parents, Paul Hileman and Sarah E. (Puls) Hileman Combs, are deceased.

On Feb. 25, 1956, in Wolcottville, she married Clayton Bradley, who survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are: a stepfather, Leroy F. Combs, of Rome City; a daughter, Karen Lahee, of Kendallville; six sons, Rick Bradley of Fort Wayne, Kenneth Bradley of Avilla, Keith Bradley of Nashville, Tenn., Craig and Byron Bradley, both of Kendallville, and Darin Bradley of LaOtto; a brother, Ron Combs of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Don and Roy Hileman, and a sister, Velma Baird, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Alan Thames officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, LaOtto.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association or American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

ELKHART — **Kail E. Housman**, 79, of Elkhart, 79, died Monday. Services were held Thursday.

SEBRING, Fla. — **Charles E. Moser**, 92, of Sebring, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ellen M. Burgi**, 77, of rural Kendallville, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Mon., Sept. 27, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Bette Andrews

BUTLER — Bette L. Andrews, 59, died Friday at 4:40 p.m. in her Butler home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Andrews was born Sept. 27, 1939, in Pleasant Lake. Her father, Walter H. Wilcox, is deceased and her mother, Elnora M. Shaw, survives in Spokane, Wash.

She married Leonard C. Andrews on April 26, 1972, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving her are five sons, Faron W. Cluster of Azores, Portugal, Terry L. Andrews and Larry J. Andrews, both of Cochise, Ariz., Gary L. Andrews of Butler and Rick L. Andrews of Hamilton; three daughters, Lisa M. Bennett and Alane M. Matthews, both of Montpelier, Ohio, and Lori S. Boger of Butler; one brother, Darry Sprague of Quincy, Wash.; three sisters, Diane Freeze of Garrett, Debbie Thiele of Chaney, Wash., and Deenie Sprague of Spokane, Wash.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Duane and Neil Wilcox, preceded her in death.

There will be no visitation hours or services.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

June Likes

LAGRANGE — June R. Likes, 78, died Sunday at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and moved from DeKalb County to LaGrange County in 1952. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church.

She was born Nov. 11, 1920, in Kendallville to the late Herbert Bickley Sr. and Goldie (Rhinehart) Bickley.

Surviving her are seven daughters, Doris Martin of Garrett, Shirley Smith, Mary Smith and Karen Leonard, all of Sturgis, Mich., Carol S. McNall of Shipshewana, Linda Iddings of Pleasant Lake and Janice Frankenberg of Goshen; four sons, DeWayne C. of Fort Wayne, Sheldon and Rick, both of Angola, and Danny C. of Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers, Herbert Bickley Jr. of Fort Wayne and Ralph Bickley of Kimmell; 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

One son, Thomas, preceded her in death in 1959.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Samuel Weimer officiating. Burial will take place in Woodruff Cemetery, rural Wolcottville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Evening Star, Thur., Sept. 27, 1999 (cont'd)

Marcella Mullins

GARRETT — Marcella Mullins, 19, died Thursday at 11:46 a.m. as the result of a two-vehicle collision in Garrett.

Mrs. Mullins was a homemaker and Garrett resident. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1998 and served on the council for Garrett Head Start.

She was born Feb. 25, 1980, in Auburn. Her parents, Leon Hicks of Kendallville and Marta New of Garrett, survive.

Also surviving are her husband, Charles "Ed" Mullins; two daughters, Alexis M. Mullins and Alicia Marie Mullins, both at home; one brother, Leon Hicks of Garrett; two sisters, Jackie New and Chrissy New, both of Garrett ; her grandmother, Ruthie Jane New of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Lucas, preceded her in death.

Her son, Edward Lucas Mullins, died Sunday.

A funeral service was held Sunday at 7 p.m. in Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, LaGrange County. The Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Robert Slone officiated.

A second funeral service was held today at 11 a.m. in the church, along with the service for her son. Burial took place in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Vergie Hartman

ASHLEY — Vergie Marie Vian Groh Hartman, 89, died Sunday at 1:30 a.m. in her home on State Road 4, Ashley.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, Fairfield Township Extension Homemakers Club, Steuben County Home Economics Club and Ashley Grange.

She was born March 22, 1911, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to the late Oscar Vian and Maude Freed. Her adoptive parents were the late Willis E. Groh and Artie Smith.

She married Lester F. Hartman on June 18, 1927, in Waterloo, and he died June 24, 1996.

Surviving her are one son, John E. Hartman of Hudson; one daughter, Nina Dove of Auburn; a half-brother, Riley Vian of Fort Wayne; three half-sisters, Marjorie Butler of Waterloo, and Liticia Clark and Naomi Brand, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She also raised three nephews, Jerry Patterson of Fort Wayne, Richard Free of Waterloo, and Ronnie Groh of Garrett; and one niece, Glenys Russell of Auburn.

One daughter, Mary Lou Hartman, and a half-sister, Vangie Teat, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Emery Kintner and the Rev. Jeff Fackler will officiate. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Edward Mullins

GARRETT — Edward Lucas Mullins, 3 days old, died Sunday at 2:27 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 23 in Auburn to Charles E. and Marcella Hicks Mullins. His father survives in Garrett and his mother preceded him in death.

Also surviving are two sisters, Alexis Marie Mullins and Alicia Marie Mullins, both of Garrett; and his grandparents, Marta New of Garrett, Leon Hicks of Kendallville, and Nyoka McBride and Andrew Gamble, both of Garrett.

His funeral was held today at 11 a.m. in Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, along with a service for his mother. The Rev. Robert Slone and the Rev. Willie Collins officiated. Burial took place in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Dillard Pike

HAMILTON — Dillard Jefferson "Jeff" Pike, 40, died Wednesday at his Hamilton residence.

He had lived in Hamilton for the past two years.

He was born Dec. 17, 1958, in Hollywood, Calif. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dolores Escalante, and stepfather, Dillard Jefferson Pike.

Surviving him are one son, Dustin Jeffery Hartzell; a close friend, Trish Hartzell of Hamilton; a brother, Doug Pike of Iowa, and a sister in California.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Carter Cemetery, in Steuben Township of Steuben County. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be given to charities selected by the donors, in care of Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

June Streets

AVILLA — June Kay "Kay" Streets, 61, died Saturday at 4:08 a.m. in her Avilla home.

She was a bookkeeper at Quick Tanks in Kendallville until 1990, and a lifelong resident of Avilla.

She was born April 17, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich., to the late Jack H. and Lorene (Imler) Downing.

Surviving her are two daughters, Erin Pinedo of Avilla and Dawn Taylor of Auburn; one son, Fred Streets of Twin Lake, Mich.; one brother, Jack Downing of Horseshoe Bend, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held today at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Mark Stevenson officiating.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Diane L. Meeks**, 53, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Johnny Caudill Sr.**, 59, died Friday. Local services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today. Services at a later in Moorehead, Ky.

LAGRANGE — **Carl W. Green Sr.**, 65, died Friday. Private family services and calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Frederick Mack

AUBURN — Frederick Joseph "Joe" Mack, 67, died Monday at 2:25 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mack was an Auburn resident for 32 years and worked at Hubbard Milling Co. in Shipshewana, retiring in 1994. He graduated from Purdue University in 1955 and was a member of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. He served in Germany as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1955-1957.

He was born Feb. 22, 1932, in Alexandria, to Frederick J. and Sylvia (Lorson) Mack. Both parents are deceased.

He married Jane E. Shafer on Sept. 18, 1954, in Alexandria. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Mack and Anne Nicholas, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Tom Mack of Fort Wayne; one brother, Charles Mack of Alexandria; two sisters, Ilene Peck of Ocala, Fla., and Rose Buss of Albuquerque, N.M.; and five grandchildren, Andrew Somers, Ashley Nicholas, Cameron Mack, Chloe Mack and Christian Mack, all of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at McComb Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. A rosary service will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn with Father Robert Van Kempen officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Adoration Chapel and the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Cora Bauman

AUBURN — Cora Bauman died today at 9 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. Funeral arrangements are pending at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Maynard Sawvel

HAMILTON — Maynard L. Sawvel, 66, died Monday at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sawvel worked in maintenance at Hendrickson Suspension in Butler, retiring in 1980. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict, and also served in the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church, and a former member of Disabled American Veterans Post 43 in Auburn and the Butler post of the American Legion. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He lived on County Road 4-A, Hamilton.

He was born July 22, 1933, in Steuben County to Roy William and Eva (Rollins) Sawvel. His mother, Eva Krafft, survives in Angola, and his father is deceased.

He married Velma E. Beard on Sept. 5, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Lyle L. Sawvel of Hamilton and Bryan L. Sawvel (and wife, Carrie) of Seattle, Wash.; five brothers, Dale of Fort Wayne, Sherman of Orient, Ohio, Vernice of Angola, Lonnie of Leesburg, and Donald of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Valerie Shannon and Chris Sawvel.

A granddaughter, Michelle Louise Sawvel, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kathy Hostetter officiating. Burial will take place in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Edith Wolford

ANGOLA — Edith R. Wolford, 72, of Angola, died Sunday at her residence.

She had worked as a grocery store cashier.

She was born June 22, 1927, in Algonac, Mich., to the late Carl and Coral Alice (Gott) Sweeney.

Surviving are a daughter, Cristina Whitney of Montgomery, Mich.; a sister, Betty Ongley of Portage, Mich.; two brothers, Bill Sweeney of Vienna, Va., and Glenn Sweeney of Belton, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation. Cremation will be at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Vergie Hartman

ASHLEY — Vergie Marie Vian Groh Hartman, 88, died Sunday at 1:30 a.m. in her home on State Road 4, Ashley.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, Fairfield Township Extension Homemakers Club, Steuben County Home Economics Club and Ashley Grange.

She was born March 22, 1911, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to the late Oscar Vian and Maude Freed. Her adoptive parents were the late Willis E. Groh and Artie Smith.

She married Lester F. Hartman on June 18, 1927, in Waterloo, and he died June 24, 1996.

Surviving her are one son, John E. Hartman of Hudson; one daughter, Nina Dove of Auburn; a half-brother, Riley Vian of Fort Wayne; three half-sisters, Marjorie Butler of Waterloo, and Liticia Clark and Naomi Brand, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She also raised three nephews, Jerry Patterson of Fort Wayne, Richard Freed of Waterloo, and Ronnie Groh of Garrett; and one niece, Glenys Russell of Auburn.

One daughter, Mary Lou Hartman, and a half-sister, Vangie Teat, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Emery Kintner and the Rev. Jeff Fackler will officiate. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Evening Star, Tues., Sept. 28, 1999 (cont'd)

Janice Barhydt

WAWAKA — Janice E. Barhydt, 73, of Steinbarger Lake Drive, Wawaka, died Sunday at 12:40 p.m. in Kendallville Manor Health Care Center from complications of heart surgery two weeks ago.

She was born April 5, 1926, in Millersburg to David E. and Irma (Long) Price. On Nov. 3, 1946, in Kimmell, she married Delbert Barhydt. He survives.

Mrs. Barhydt, a lifetime Noble County resident, was a homemaker. She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church. She was a Girl Scout leader, a Cub Scout den mother, and a member of the Indiana State Quilting Club, Women of the Moose Lodge 730, Kendallville, and Rome City American Legion Auxiliary. She also enjoyed sewing and crafts.

Surviving with her husband are four sons, David Barhydt of Goshen, Dennis Barhydt of Ligonier, Delaine Barhydt of Millersburg, and Doug Barhydt of Leesburg; four daughters, Mrs. Mike (Diane) Harlan of Victorville, Calif., Mrs. Jonas (Deborah) Gingerich of Kimmell, Mrs. Robert (Dawn) Beer of Pleasant Lake, and Mrs. Wayne (Denise) Schutt of Kendallville; a sister, Mrs. Paul (Berneta) Gangwer of Kimmell; 34 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

Thomas Burton

BRYAN, Ohio — Thomas Edgar Burton, 57, died Saturday in Valparaiso following a sudden illness.

He worked at ARO-Ingersoll-Rand as a graphic artist.

Mr. Burton was born Dec. 27, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Gilbert and Evelyn May (Denser) Burton. They survive in Fort Wayne.

He married Sue Ellen Adams on June 27, 1970, in Rockfield, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Amy Burton of Bryan; two sons, Michael T. and James A., both of Bryan; a brother, Jim of Fort Wayne; two sisters Sandy McCoy (and husband, Jim) of LaFountaine and Sally Van Ryn (and husband, Jim) of Fort Wayne; and his father- and mother-in-law, Jack and Pauline Adams of Logansport.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan.

His funeral service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Buchsteiner officiating. Burial will take place in Shiffler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Ruth E. Rapp**, 83, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Lillian J. Pendill**, 84, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there an hour before services.

LAGRANGE — **Jessie I. Powers**, 82, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Plato United Methodist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

WAWAKA — **Janice E. Barhydt**, 73, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Wilma Stephens

KENDALLVILLE — Wilma C. Stephens, 77, of Kendallville, died at 3:52 p.m. Monday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 14, 1922, in Wilder, Tenn., to Robert and Gertrude (Newcome) Franklin. On Nov. 20, 1937, in Albany, Ky., she married Beecher Stephens. Her husband survives.

Mrs. Stephens, a homemaker, was a member of the Church of God in Fort Wayne and attended the True Church of God in Jesus Name, Lisbon.

Surviving with her husband are nine daughters, Patricia Hoover of Bentonville, Ark., Brenda Radcliff and Sharon Jesse, both of Chicago, Rebecca Byrum of Batton Rouge, La., Diana Glant of Fort Wayne, Charlotte Eichorn of LaGrange, Sandy Shook and Kim Shook, both of Kendallville, and Kathy Maynard of Springfield, Tenn.; four sons, Bobby Stephens, of Stroh, Buddy Stephens of Rufus, Ore., Rick Stephens of LaOtto, and Mike Stephens of Atwater, Calif.; two sisters, Genevieve Leins of Murray, Ky., and Opal Copeland of Salem; 27 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Geraldine.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

HUNTERTOWN — **Clyde F. Lonsbury**, 63, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1329 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Cora Bauman

AUBURN — Cora E. "Connie" Bauman, 80, died Monday at 7:55 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Bauman was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn and its ladies aid.

She was born May 1, 1918, in DeKalb County to the late Terry and Pearlie (Hoffman) Worman.

She married Ernest A. Bauman on Nov. 14, 1936, in Kendallville. He died in July 1992.

Surviving her are one son, James Bauman Sr. of Garrett; three brothers, Lewis Worman of Albion, Richard Worman of Butler, and George Worman of Bradenton, Fla.; two sisters, Betty Laux of Winslow, Ark., and Dorothy Kimes of Ohio; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to missions of the church.

Ralph Barnes

LAGRANGE — Ralph D. Barnes, 89, of LaGrange, died Monday in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was born in Plato on Sept. 20, 1910, to Walter and Cordia (Horner) Barnes. On May 11, 1946, in Plymouth, he married Lucille Aldrich. She preceded him in death April 4, 1994.

Mr. Barnes, a resident of LaGrange County most of his life, had lived a few years in Angola. He was the retired manager of Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station in Howe.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Phillip (Sally) Hopkins of Howe and Mrs. Calvin (Susan) Schlemmer, LaGrange; a son, Robert R. Barnes of Fort Wayne; a sister, Arlene Poage of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Diane Cusamano officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to LaGrange County Council on Aging's Meals on Wheels Program.

Richard Harroff

AUBURN — Richard Allen Harroff, 44, died Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. at his Auburn home.

He was the manager of Rarick's Rental in Auburn and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Harroff was born April 1, 1955, in Columbia City. His mother, Joan Erdly, survives in Kimmell and his father, Francis Harroff, is deceased.

Surviving him are two daughters, Erin Delacruz and Megan Delacruz, both of Garrett; one sister, Vicki Isham of Garrett; one brother, Ronnie Harroff of Kimmell; and one grandson, Tristen Delacruz of Garrett.

A brother, Randy Harroff, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be conducted Friday at 10:30 p.m. in the funeral home. George Cecil of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Benton Ballard

ANGOLA — Benton F. Ballard, 76, of Angola, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had lived in Angola since 1981, after moving from Indianapolis.

Mr. Ballard was a retired switchman for the GTE central office. He was a member and past president of the Land of Lakes Lions Club; a veteran of the Army Air Force during World War II and a member of Angola American Legion Post 31; and a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church. He attended the First Congregational Church of Christ, Angola.

He was born Feb. 9, 1923, in Battle Creek, Mich., to the late John L. and Eunice E. (Frasier) Ballard.

On Nov. 1, 1948, he married Hettie O. (Brown) Ballard, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cyndia Moore of South Haven, Mich.; a half-brother, Eugene T. Ballard of Brownsburg; and a granddaughter, Heather Whaley of Lakeland, Minn.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Heidi L. Moore, and a great-grandson, Tyler Osteen.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a 6:30 p.m. Lions Club service conducted by the Land of Lakes Lions Club.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. David Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorial donations may be made to charities selected by the donors.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Ralph D. Barnes**, 89, died Monday. Private graveside services in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. No calling.

LAGRANGE — **Adam Taulbee**, 69, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Friday.

LIGONIER — **Carol A. Hollowell**, 46, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 3-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **William Howard "Bill" Myers**, 68, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Elizabeth Hanna

CLEAR LAKE — Elizabeth A. Hanna, 94, of Clear Lake, died today at her residence.

A homemaker, Mrs. Hanna was a member of the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola; the Clear Lake Yacht Club, the Clear Lake Association and the Steuben County Humane Society.

She was born Feb. 17, 1905, in Toledo, Ohio, to the late James and Bessy (Brigham) Anderson.

On April 19, 1930, in Indianapolis, she married Robert B. Hanna, who preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 1980.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Judith) Minium of Bay Village, Ohio; two sons, Robert B. (and wife, Suzanne) of Lake Placid, N.Y., and William B. (and wife, Barbara) of Louisville, Ky.; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hanna Memorial Fund, in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation, Angola.

Vesta Pifer

UNION CITY, Mich. — Vesta M. Pifer, 88, died Tuesday at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Pifer was a homemaker. She was raised in Fremont by her grandparents and aunt, and later moved to Battle Creek and then to Union City. She was involved in Ropp's Fleetwing Delray Camping Club and Abscota Friendly Neighbors Club. She loved to read, bake cookies, and in her younger years, play the piano.

She was born Dec. 16, 1910, in Fremont to Lyle and Lydia (Schaeffer) Fisher.

She married Fredric Pifer on Feb. 26, 1930, and he died Oct. 31, 1998.

Surviving her are one daughter, Janet Marunde (and husband, Jack) of Spaulding, Mich.; three sons, Leon (and wife, Phyllis) of Athens, Mich.; Harold (and wife, Ardith) of Union City and Phillip (and wife, Sharon) of Greenfield, Ind.; a half-sister, Maxine Munger of Fremont; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis J. Pifer of Coldwater, Mich.; 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children, Beverly in 1932 and Albert in 1995.

Friends may call today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Her funeral service will be held Friday at noon (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Betty Smith officiating. Burial will take place in California Corners Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Athens-Union City Arca Lions Club.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Donna Bell Hinkson**, 71, of Avilla, died at 10 p.m. Tuesday in her home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in LaOtto Wesleyan Church, LaOtto, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Alice June Nelson**, 86, of LaGrange and formerly of Shipshewana, died at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Ralph Hill and the Rev. David Stults officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana. Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Friday in the Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury.

HOWE — **Edward W. Teeters**, 84, of rural Howe, died at 9:25 p.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.
Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Riverside Cemetery, Howe, with the Rev. Charles Vizthum officiating. There will be no visitation.

ALBION — **Alice R. Walter**, 83, of Albion, died Wednesday in Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Nathaniel Creager

ST. JOE — Nathaniel Brian Creager was stillborn Wednesday at 6:23 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Brian Creager and Katheryn G. Crow of St. Joe; maternal grandparents, Lynann and Paul Sonafrank of Columbia City and Dan and Amarida Crow of St. Joe; and paternal grandparents, Mitchell and Rosanna Creager of Butler.

A private graveside service will take place in the St. Joe Cemetery with the Rev. Barb Cross, pastor of the Concord United Methodist Church, officiating. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ramon Rowe

CORUNNA — Ramon C. Rowe of Corunna died Wednesday at 5:23 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending with Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Merle W. Workman

ANGOLA — Merle W. Workman, 83, died Wednesday at 11:40 p.m. at his winter home in Zephyr Hills, Fla.

Mr. Workman was an Angola resident and a former resident of Garrett. He was a self-employed building contractor and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Dec. 19, 1916, in DeKalb County to Wilbert and Emma (Michael) Workman.

On Sept. 16, 1939. in Garrett he married Helen Jordan, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry Workman of Angola and Rick Workman of LaGrange; three daughters, Nancy DeLucenay of Pleasant Lake, Sharon Goffnett of Ithaca, Mich., and Connie Kellogg of Battle Creek, Mich.; a brother, Carl Workman of Avilla; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Kenneth Workman.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

His funeral service will take place in the funeral home Tuesday at 1 p.m. with J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett, where the Garrett post of the American Legion will conduct a military graveside service.

Memorial donations may be made to Wee Haven Workshop in Garrett.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Edith E. Frey**, 71, died Wednesday. Services at 3 p.m. Sunday in Freewill Baptist Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Sunday.

WOLF LAKE — **Clifford L. Miller**, 72, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 5-7 p.m. today and 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Cecelia Dancer

FORT WAYNE — Cecelia R. Dancer, 47, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital.

She was a homemaker who collected Santas and angels and loved crafts. She was born in Wabash.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Dancer of Fort Wayne; a son, Gary L. Dancer of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Marla S. Gipson of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Betty Shropshire of Ossian and Virginia Cook of Anderson; a brother, Gerald Harding of Wabash; two grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m.. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the humane society.

Nathaniel Crager

ST. JOE — Nathaniel Brian Crager was stillborn Wednesday at 6:23 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Brian and Katheryn G. (Crow) Crager of St. Joe; maternal grandparents, Lynann and Paul Sonafrank of Columbia City and Dan and Amerida Crow of St. Joe; and paternal grandparents, Mitchell and Rosanna Crager of Butler.

A private graveside service will take place in the St. Joe Cemetery with the Rev. Barb Cross, pastor of the Concord United Methodist Church, officiating. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Warren

AUBURN — Catherine "Cathy" J. Warren, 81, of Elkhart and formerly of Auburn, died at 2:15 p.m. Friday in Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Warren was born on March 2, 1918 in Elkhart to Jacob W. and Elizabeth P. (Wilson) Kline. On Oct. 30, 1942 in Elkhart she married Fred L. Warren, who died on Dec. 21, 1983 in Auburn.

Retired from Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, Mrs. Warren had also been employed in retail sales for several years and was currently employed at the Council on Aging in Elkhart.

Mrs. Warren was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart, the Women of the Moose Elkhart Lodge, and Ladies of the Elks in Elkhart. She had lived in Auburn for 41 years before moving to Elkhart in January of 1993.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Leo (Sally E.) Harris of Elkhart; two brothers, Elmo W. Kline of Elkhart and Albert R. Kline of Bristol; two sisters, Thelmo W. Anderson of Elkhart and Alberta F. Donovan of Elkhart; two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Two brothers, Robert Kline and Edward Gross, and a sister, Georgia Rumfelt, preceded her in death.

A private family service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home in Elkhart, with the Rev. Toni Carmer of Trinity United Methodist Church as minister. Calling will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn. Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Leonard Click

AUBURN — Leonard Click, 72, died Sunday at 3:01 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Click was a machine operator at Rieke Corp., Auburn, retiring in 1983 with 9 1/2 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and lived in Auburn 20 years.

He was born Oct. 13, 1926, in Ashland, Ky., to the late William and Edna (Fults) Click.

He married Betty Ruth Love, who preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one son, William J. of Auburn; three daughters, Shirley Moore of Butler, and Toni McDowell and Debbie Mullens, both of Kentucky; two brothers, Leroy of Kentucky and Robert of Tennessee; one sister, Marie Caldwell of Kentucky; and 10 grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home by the Rev. Kenny Queener. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Margaret Gibson

BLOOMINGTON — Margaret Gibson, 87, died Sunday at Meadowood Health Pavilion in Bloomington.

She was a retired executive secretary for Alcoa with 29 years of service. She formerly lived in Fort Wayne and Pittsburgh, Pa. She was a graduate of Pittsburgh High School.

Mrs. Gibson was born Sept. 24, 1912, in Pittsburgh to the late William and Sophia (Brucker) Katzenmeyer. Her husband, Joseph C. Gibson, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Barbara McLay of Bloomington; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

No visitation or services will be scheduled. Allen Funeral Home, Bloomington, is in charge of arrangements.

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Earl Deyo

ANGOLA — Earl B. Deyo, 65, of Angola, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Deyo most recently worked as a dispatcher for the Angola Police Department, retiring in 1996 after 10 1/2 years of service. He was a member of the Angola, Fremont and Steuben County Sheriff's Department police reserves for 11 years. He was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1971, and was a member of Disabled Veterans in Goshen. He also had worked 10 years for Indiana Insurance Co. of Indianapolis. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Waterloo.

He was born Sept. 27, 1934, in Deposit, Ky., to the late Earl W. and Letha (Curry) Deyo.

On May 17, 1954, he married Beverly Deyo, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott of Angola and Earl Jr. of Miami, Fla.; four daughters, Cindy Pegg of Middlebury, Carole Brown of Dover, Ohio, Alison Harris of Bronson, Mich., and Deanna Bunch of Sturgis, Mich.; his stepmother, Bernice Deyo of Windsor, N.Y.; five brothers, Kenneth of Gaston, S.C., Bruce of LaOtto, William of Immokalee, Fla., Walter of Windsor, N.Y., and Peter of Kirkwood, N.Y.; three sisters, Cheryl Shaffer of Lehigh Acres, Fla., Karen McGeorge of Laceyville, Pa., and Bernice Chapman of Windsor, N.Y.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Deyo, in 1997.

Services were conducted this morning at St. Michael Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial was in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post 31, Angola. Arrangements were made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Darlene Weller

ANGOLA — Darlene Kay Weller, 57, of Angola, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Weller worked at Aro Corp. in Angola for 25 years. She was a member of United Auto Workers Local 1344.

She was born June 20, 1942, to Harry and Vera June (Cope) Zimmerman.

On April 3, 1989, she married Julian Weller, who survives at home.

Also surviving are her mother, Vera Zimmerman, of Angola; five sons, Robbie Post of Aurora, Colo., Kevin Post of Angola, John Blotter of Angola, Randy Blotter of Fremont, and Ted "Teh" Blotter of Angola; a daughter, Mystie Sage of Angola; a stepson, Mike Weller of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Jackie Brookhart of Monroeville, Shelly Habig of Fort Wayne, and Janine Slinger of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Denny Zimmerman of Linden, Tenn., and Robert Zimmerman of Angola; and a sister, Paula Estep of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her father; two brothers, Raymond and Harry James Zimmerman; and two sisters, Sandra Kunce and Donna Sue Zimmerman.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Helen Ellett

HUDSON — Helen M. Ellett, 86, of Hudson, died at 7 a.m. Friday in her residence. She had been ill since August.

She was born in Van Wert, Ohio, May 19, 1913, to John and Gertrude (Counselor) Younghouse. On April 27, 1946, in Fort Wayne, she married Frank Ellett, who preceded her in death May 18, 1994.

Mrs. Ellett was a member of Zion Lutheran Church West Fairfield, rural Corunna.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Trudy and David Mullins of Hudson, and Shirley and Hank Buehler and June and Don Miller, all of Defiance, Ohio, and Sandra Kinder of Continental, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Lonnie Estes of Essington, Pa.; a sister, Ellen Vantrease of Holgate, Ohio; a brother, Joe Berthold of West Unity, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Beverly Brown and Frankie Ellett.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gary Grifenburg officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is two hours before services on Tuesday in the funeral home.

Ramon Rowe

CORUNNA — Ramon C. Rowe, 66, died Wednesday at 5:23 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rowe worked for Pittsfield of Indiana in Hamilton for 18 years. He lived on East Franklin Street, Corunna.

He was born Aug. 22, 1933, in Garrett to the late Cecil and Evelyn (Young) Rowe.

He married Wilma Johnston on Nov. 16, 1957, in Kendallville. She died July 10, 1995.

Surviving him are two daughters, Vonda Thornsbearry of Ligonier and Crystal Rowe of Corunna; two half-brothers, Gary Rowe and Duane Rowe, both of Corunna; two grandchildren, Roy and Sara Thornsbearry; one great-grandson, Justin Thornsbearry; and a companion, Ellen R. Duncan.

Two brothers, David R. and Kenneth Bryan, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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Hilda Mahnesmith

GARRETT — Hilda M. Mahnesmith, 82, died Saturday at 7:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Mahnesmith worked as a secretary for Dr. Eberhard in Garrett for four years. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and was a lifelong Garrett resident.

She was born April 28, 1917, in Garrett to the late J.W. and Eliza (Chambers) Richmond.

She married LaVon "Pete" Alton Mahnesmith on May 3, 1937. He died Sept. 5, 1973.

Surviving her are two sons, Joseph of Auburn and Edward of Angola; one brother, Earl Richmond of Auburn; two sisters, Evelyn Dalrymple of Fremont and Inez Walters of Coldwater, Mich.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Bill Richmond and Jim Richmond, and two sisters, Alma Burtch and Wanda Richmond, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Her funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Mary Parks

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary B. Parks, 90, of Elkhart, and formerly of Columbia City, died Friday in Rosewood Nursing Home, Elkhart.

She was born in Jackson, Ky., and was a past owner of Park's Drive-Inn in Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Courtney, in 1986.

Surviving are eight daughters, Gladys Clem of Columbia City, Daisy Langer of Avilla, Verna Greene of Merrillville, Audrey Berkey of Goshen, Joyce Stephens of Sidney, Gladia Erickson of New Paris, and Patricia Haarer and Sharon Haarer, both of Goshen; a son, James Parks of Auburn; 37 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Julie Mullins and Nanny Barnett, both of Middletown, Ohio.

Tow daughters, Mary Counts and Irene Wan, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held today at 10:30 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial was in South Park Cemetery, Columbia City.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **John E. Briggs Sr.**, 54, died at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Hubert E. Miller officiating. Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mildred B. "Skeeter" Addis**, 89, died Sunday at 5:40 a.m. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary B. Parks**, 90, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

ROME CITY — **Marguerite D. Speakman Ritchie**, 89, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Robert O. Rambadt**, 51, died Saturday at 6:30 p.m. There are no services or calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Daniel Cartwright

GARRETT — Daniel G. Cartwright, 48, died Sunday in his Garrett home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he worked in the maintenance department at the City-County Building for 1 1/2 years, and as a sergeant for the Indiana Department of Corrections for 12 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Jessica and Mary Cartwright, both of Garrett; a brother, Barry of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Patricia Martin of Quincy, Ind.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. Burial will take place in South Park Cemetery, Columbia City.

Charline Bender

FORT WAYNE — Charline A. Bender, 86, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital.

She was a receptionist with Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of the First Assembly of God and the Loyal Service Club of Lincoln Life. She was born in Marion.

Surviving her are one daughter, Bonnie Putt of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Maxine Roush of Poneto, Betty Eichorn of Zanesville and Jean Suter of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul F.; a son, Norman; a daughter, Carol Steed; three brothers and one sister.

Friends may call today from 6-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be given to the National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 NW 9th Ave., Miami FL 33136-9990.

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Charles Waterbeck

ANGOLA — Charles Waterbeck Jr., 68, of Angola, died Sunday at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Waterbeck had lived in Angola since 1985 after moving from Louisiana.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he was a steel worker for Swager Communications, Fremont. He was a life member of the American Legion post in Willard, Ohio; a charter member of the Amvets Post 27, Fremont; a member of the Willard Moose Lodge; and a member of the Willard Eagles Lodge.

He was born Jan. 17, 1931, in Willard to the late Charles and Lora (Kinsey) Waterbeck Sr.

On March 21, 1953, he married Elva Josephine Clark, who preceded him in death in January 1986.

Surviving are three sons, Allan of Angola, Jerry of Willard, and Randy of Merced, Calif.; two daughters, Brenda Waterbeck of Vadillia, La., and Rhonda Waterbeck of Campbell, Calif.; a brother, John Waterbeck of Salem, Ohio; two sisters, Dorothy Hill of North Baltimore, Ohio, and Jean Cook of Tiffin, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Brixey, in 1995.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the Lindsey-Kocher Funeral Home, Willard.

Services will begin at noon (Indiana time) Thursday at the Lindsey-Kocher Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Bower officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Willard.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home.

Sylvia Peters

HUNTERTOWN — Sylvia M. Peters, 89, of Huntertown, died in Parkview Hospital Monday.

She was born in Bryan, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1910.

Mrs. Peters was a homemaker and loved crocheting and gardening.

Surviving are a son, Roy Peters of Albion; two daughters, Rose Ann Wagner of Huntertown, and Nancy Nelson of Angola; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 1986; a daughter, Pauline Osborn in 1970; and a sister, Dortha Hart in 1998.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday in C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Baxter Vice

GARRETT — Baxter B. Vice, 82, died Tuesday at 2:20 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was a conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 37 years, retiring in 1978.

He was born April 20, 1917, in Monon, Ind., to the late Thomas and Etta (Cooper) Vice.

He married Violet E. Fenstermaker on March 4, 1940, in Newville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Betsy DePew of Garrett; a son, Gary Vice of Columbia City; one sister, Margie Pickard of Avilla; five grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

Six brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His funeral service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to charities selected by the donors.

Ethel Jablonski

ANGOLA — Ethel Jablonski, 88, of Angola, died Tuesday at her residence.

A homemaker, Mrs. Jablonski was born July 13, 1911, in Chicago to the late Robert A. and Ethel (Bishop) Jablonski.

Surviving are two daughters, Sally Brejla of Montgomery, Mich., and Judith Harasim of Angola.; a son, Robert Jablonski of Burnsville, Minn.; four grandchildren and a great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Jablonski, on Jan. 25.

Friends may call Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Phillip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Evening Star, Wed., Oct. 6, 1999 (cont'd)

George Coney

ANGOLA — George L. Coney, 65, a lifelong resident of Angola, died Tuesday in Angola.

Mr. Coney was a farmer and co-owned the Angola Bowl. He drove a bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 21 years. He was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church and a member of the National Guard for 14 years.

He was born Aug. 31, 1934, in LaGrange County to the late Herbert and Beulah F. (Bickle) Coney.

On Sept. 17, 1983, he married Marjorie Maholm, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Douglas Lee Coney of Schoolcraft, Mich.; three stepsons, Robert Martin of Cincinnati, Ted Martin of Denver, and David Martin of Los Angeles; two daughters, Donna L. Abbot of Pleasant Lake and Diane Nall of Pleasant Lake; two stepdaughters, Paula Martin of Rockford, Ill., and Ruth Fisher of Angola; three sisters, Betty McNall of Howe, Bessie Franklin of LaGrange, and Barbara Ritter of Salem; 26 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Firestone, on June 24, 1988.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox and Pastor Brian Van Osdol officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Elenore Gerke

FORT WAYNE — Elenore I. Gerke, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Monday in her residence.

A native of Grand Forks, N.D., she retired in 1978 after 15 years as a bookkeeper for Carsten, McDougal, Winget Co.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Werner of Fort Wayne; a son, David Carpenter of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Meda Shilts of Fort Wayne and Lily Hutchison of Huddleston, Va.; four brothers, Robert Colby of Fremont, Drew Colby of Fort Wayne, Roger Colby of Bradenton, Fla., and George Colby of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert, in January.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1126 S. Barr St. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne 46805.

Howard Reick

KENDALLVILLE — Businessman Howard C. Reick, 93, died at 9:55 p.m. Tuesday in McCray Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Reick opened Reick Insurance in Kendallville in 1944. He was active in the business for over 50 years. His son, James, joined the agency in 1967.

Among his survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Marianna Reick of Sylvan Lake, Rome City; and a daughter, Nancy Reick of Greeley, Colo., several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Long, in 1987.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Rosemary Bender

SPENCERVILLE — Rosemary Bender died today at 6 a.m. in Regency Place Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, in Auburn.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Gary E. "Joe" Leslie**, 65, of Ligonier, died Tuesday. Services at 7 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. There will be no calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Carl W. Hyndman**, 87, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Rosemary Bender

SPENCERVILLE — Rosemary J. Bender, 49, died Wednesday at 6 a.m. in Regency Place, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bender was an administrative legal assistant at Medical Protective Agency in Fort Wayne. She lived in Spencerville for nine years and was a 1968 graduate of DeKalb High School. She enjoyed quilting, sewing and gardening.

She was born Aug. 19, 1950, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Michael and Julianna (Csatare) Budoso. Her mother survives and her father is deceased.

She married Colynn Bender in 1975 in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving her are two sisters, Julianna Budoso of Middleton, Wis., and Agnes Budoso of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Helen Tarlton

GARRETT — Helen Tarlton, 78, died Tuesday at 10 p.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Tarlton was retired from her job as an assembly worker at Dana Corp. in Columbia City. She was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Auxiliary, both in Garrett. She formerly lived in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 16, 1921, in Tarentum, Pa., to the late George and Veronica (Rezha) Hatas.

She married Marion James Tarlton Sr. on June 28, 1940, and he died in 1960.

Surviving her are three sons, Marion James Tarlton Jr. and James Tarlton Sr., both of Garrett, and Steven Tarlton of Huntertown; two daughters, Melanie Bateman of Wolcottville and Judith DeLucenay of Middleville, Mich.; one brother, Steven Strelec of New Kensington, Pa.; one sister, Emily Malgott of Tarentum; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

One brother, Michael Strelec, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be conducted Friday at 8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 3 p.m. Dr. R. Larry Smith will officiate.

Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett, with a graveside service Sunday at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Carol Miller

ASHLEY — Carol J. Miller, 64, of Ashley, died at 7:10 p.m. Wednesday in her residence.

She was born in Ashley April 1, 1935, to Harold and Enid (Montgomery) Wagoner. On Sept. 21, 1957, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, she married Wilford Miller. He survives.

Mrs. Miller, a lifetime Ashley resident, was a member of the Bowling Association of Angola.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki and John Herbert of Ashley, and Patty Miller of Cromwell; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ed and Kitty Miller of Kendallville, and Bryan Miller and Phil Miller, both of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Lavern Buffenbarger of Buckley, Mich., and Carla Bessler of Cromwell; a stepson, Bill Davis of Ashley; two sisters, Laura Lee Hawn of Hamilton, and Jeanette Bush of Golden Lake; five grandchildren, Chad and Adam Shumaker, and Ben, Kami and Karlee Miller; three stepgrandchildren, Scott Hankins, Tom Davis and Angie Lockwood; three great-grandchildren, Kiersten Miller, Kimberlynn Shumaker and Austin Shumaker; and five stepgreat-grandchildren, Allison Hankins, Zackary Hankins, Noah Lockwood, Sean Davis and Kristen Davis.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Brittney Miller.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Ashley Fire Department or Cameron Home Health Care.

Harold Smith

ANGOLA — Harold J. "Smitty" Smith, 62, died Wednesday at his home.

Mr. Smith was a quality control inspector at Dana Weatherhead, Angola, and retired in 1991 after 33 years of service. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born Dec. 20, 1936, in Angola to the late Walter and Erma Carolyn (German) Smith.

On Sept. 5, 1958, he married Marilyn (Shoup) Smith, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Roger and Richard, both of Angola; a sister, Brenda Saylor of Angola; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald, Dean and Walter Jr., and a sister, Juanita McNabb.

Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Loyal Order of Moose service will begin at 6:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Graveside services will take place at 2 p.m. Friday in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society, the Angola Church of the Nazarene or a charity of the donor's choice.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Oct. 7, 1999 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Eldee Gaff**, 101, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Friday.

HOWE — **Edna Myers**, 90, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in St. James Chapel, Howe. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

HOWE — **Philip L. Watson**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. .

KENDALLVILLE — **Howard C. Reick**, 93, a prominent Kendallville businessman, died Tuesday at 9:55 p.m. He had been a Prudential Insurance Co. agent since 1933 and formed the Reick Insurance Agency in 1944. He was still working in the insurance office until recently. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

The Evening Star, Fri., Oct. 8, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Calvin Daub

AUBURN — Calvin J. Daub, 75, died Thursday at 10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Daub was a pattern maker for 45 years at Foley Pattern Co., Auburn, retiring in 1986. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 22, 1924, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., to the late Robert and Ada (Gray) Daub. His wife, Patricia, died in 1982.

Surviving him are one son, Gary of Corunna; one daughter, Carol Brinkman of Auburn; one sister, Chris Madden-Gerig of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Adison, Dahlton and Hunter Daub, and Tamera, Jillian and Zachary Brinkman.

One brother, Paul, and one sister, Betty Wheeler, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Lloyd Mealer will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Helen Tarlton

GARRETT — Helen Tarlton, 78, died Tuesday at 10 p.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Tarlton was retired from her job as an assembly worker at Dana Corp. in Columbia City. She was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Auxiliary, both in Garrett. She formerly lived in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 16, 1921, in Tarentum, Pa., to the late George and Veronica (Rezha) Hatas.

She married Marion James Tarlton Sr. on June 28, 1940, and he died in 1960.

Surviving her are three sons, Marion James Tarlton Jr. and James Tarlton Sr., both of Garrett, and Steven Tarlton of Huntertown; two daughters, Melanie Bateman of Wolcottville and Judith DeLucenay of Middleville, Mich.; one brother, Steven Strelec of New Kensington, Pa.; one sister, Emily Malgott of Tarentum; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

One brother, Michael Strelec, and a sister, Ann Strelec, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be conducted tonight at 8 o'clock in the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 3 p.m. today. Dr. R. Larry Smith will officiate.

Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett, with a graveside service Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

The Evening Star, Fri., Oct. 8 1999 (cont'd)

Carol Miller

ASHLEY — Carol J. Miller, 64, of Ashley, died Wednesday at 7:10 p.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Miller, a lifetime Ashley resident, was a member of the Bowling Association of Angola.

She was born in Ashley on April 1, 1935, to Harold and Enid (Montgomery) Wagoner.

On Sept. 21, 1957, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, she married Wilford Miller. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki and John Herbert of Ashley, and Patty Miller of Cromwell; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ed and Kitty Miller of Kendallville, and Bryan Miller and Phil Miller, both of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Lavern Buffenbarger of Buckley, Mich., and Carla Bessler of Cromwell; a stepson, Bill Davis of Ashley; two sisters, Laura Lee Hawn of Hamilton, and Jeanette Bush of Golden Lake; five grandchildren, Chad and Adam Shumaker, and Ben, Kami and Karlee Miller; three stepgrandchildren, Scott Hankins, Tom Davis and Angie Lockwood; three great-grandchildren, Kiersten Miller, Kimberlynn Shumaker and Austin Shumaker; and five stepgreat-grandchildren, Allison Hankins, Zackary Hankins, Noah Lockwood, Sean Davis and Kristen Davis.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Brittney Miller, and a sister, June Deller.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ashley Fire Department or Cameron Home Health Care.

Lucille Cook

AUBURN — Lucille A. Cook, 86, died today at 1:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Cook was an office clerk for Auburn Electric and Water, retiring in 1971. She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, and American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 23, 1913, in Elyria, Ohio, to the late Frank Linnie (Gott) Kelly.

She married Jack S. Cook on May 7, 1938, in Auburn. He died in 1988.

She is survived by 10 nieces and nephews.

A brother, Max Kelly, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Pastor Harvey Huntley Jr. will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Mary H. Teeters**, 84, died Thursday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Riverside Cemetery, Howe. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Enid Harrington

ANGOLA — Enid C. Harrington, 97, died Thursday at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Harrington was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and the Pokagon chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was born Dec. 16, 1901, in Auburn to the late Floyd H. and Lura (Bolin) Moss. Her husband, George Harrington, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Robert of North Riverside, Ill.; one daughter, Patricia Harrington of Angola; one sister, Ruth Yoland Spangler of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; two grandsons, Michael Harrington (and wife, Tepa) and Kevin Harrington; and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Roy Moss, and one sister, Aileen Court, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Her funeral mass will be celebrated Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola. Father Phil Schreider will officiate. Burial will take place in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Memorial contributions may be given to Parents Association Cerebral Palsy Residential Home Inc., 2205 Park Ave., North Riverside IL 60546.

Patricia Snider

BRYAN, Ohio — Patricia Kaye French Snider, 54, died Friday in St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

She was the manager of the jewelry department at K-Mart in Bryan, Ohio. She lived in Bryan and formerly lived in Pleasant Hill, Ohio. She was a graduate of McPherson High School in McPherson, Kan.

She was born April 14, 1945, in Grand Junction, Colo., to the late Walter and Irene (Dimond) French.

Surviving her are three sons, Stephen Snider (and wife, Kelly) of Auburn, Stuart Snider (and wife, Cassandra) of Bryan, and Jason Snider (and wife, Shelly) of Montpelier, Ohio; four brothers, Jerry French and Larry French, both of Piqua, Ohio, Randy French of Ramsey, Minn., and Richard French of Houston, Ohio; three sisters, Betty Woodward of Houston, Ohio, Linda Brown of Pleasant Hill, and Shirley Hittle of Covington, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 1-5 p.m. (Indiana time) in Jackson Funeral Home, Pleasant Hill.

Her funeral service will be held Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with Pastor Douglas Nolt officiating. Burial will take place in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Community Hospitals of Williams County-Hospice Care, 909 Snyder Ave., Montpelier OH 43543.

Deaths/Funerals

Bertha Speer

WATERLOO — Bertha L. Speer, 92, died Sunday at 1:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Speer was a homemaker and formerly lived on North Center Street in Waterloo. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and Waterloo Order of the Eastern Star lodge.

Speer

She was born Sept. 2, 1907, in DeKalb County to the late Wilhelm and Friedaricka (Schaal) Schiek.

She married George W. Speer on Sept. 24, 1925. He died Aug. 10, 1958.

Surviving her are two sons, Douglas of Dunedin, Fla., and Phil of Auburn; one daughter, Shirley L. Henry of Battle Creek, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Mary Bowman of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Michelle Helmkamp, Kimberly Kiefer and Tim Speer; and one great-grandson, Andrew Helmkamp.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will follow in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Karolena Penick

ASHLEY — Karolena J. Penick, 56, of Ashley, died Saturday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Penick was a former bartender at Caruso's Restaurant, Angola, and at Joe's Place, Ashley. She was a member of the Angola Elks Lodge. She attended Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

She was born Dec. 6, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Johnie B. and Elfie (Tindall) Henninger. Her mother survives in Angola.

On Oct. 31, 1958, she married Thomas Penick, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Rick Penick of Ashley, and a sister, Cindy Means of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a son, Johnie Penick, in 1985, and her father.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. George Falk officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

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Keith Wallace

AUBURN — Keith J. Wallace, 68, of Auburn, died at 6:46 p.m. Friday in Henry County Memorial Hospital in New Castle.

He was born in Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1931, to Charles F. and Helen L. (Neher) Wallace. On Nov. 19, 1955, in Dayton, he married Shirley J. Bailey. She survives.

Mr. Wallace was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving from 1950-54. He was a 1949 graduate of Parker Cooperative High School and attended Baptist Bible College with a degree in theology in Johnson City, N.Y. He retired in 1976 from the ministry, serving in Community Baptist Church at Edwardsburg, Mich., and the former Allen Chapel Baptist Church in Kendallville. After leaving the pulpit, he taught in Lakewood Park Christian School in Auburn. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville and a Sunday school teacher, and a member of the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Auburn.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sheryl Wallace of Pierceton, and Cynthia and Greg Bristol of Mansfield, Texas; and four grandchildren, Troy, Jared, Stephen and Craig Bristol, all of Mansfield, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship, 708 S. Van Buren St., Auburn 46706.

Dorine Singer

ST. JOE — Dorine Y. Singer, 83, died Friday at 2:25 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Care Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where she had been a patient the past two weeks.

Mrs. Singer was a homemaker and had lived on County Road 60, St. Joe, since 1957. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, Newville Township Extension Homemakers Club, and Tri-Township Farm Bureau. She graduated from Continental High School in Ohio in 1934.

She was born June 24, 1914, in Continental, Ohio, to the late Jake A. and Kate (Badman) Myers.

She married Raymond A. Singer on Aug. 18, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael Ralph Singer of Fort Wayne, Gene Alan Singer of Hicksville, Ohio, and James Lee Singer of Huntertown; and one brother, Ralph Myers of Sandusky, Ohio.

One brother, Don Myers, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, with calling after noon. Minister Todd Steere will officiate. Burial will take place in Alton Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church..

Mary Arnold

ANGOLA — Mary Catherine Arnold, 96, of Angola, died Saturday at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Arnold was a homemaker and a member of Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed sewing, handiwork and gardening. She adored her family.

She was born Feb. 12, 1903, in Winchester to the late Mack and Mary E. (Warren) Pogue.

On Dec. 8, 1923, she married Carroll G. Arnold, who preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Richard Arnold of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Evelyn Raney of Morrison, Ill.; and nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin and Ralph Pogue; and two sisters, Mayme Collett and Doris McBride.

Calling and services took place today at the Weicht Funeral home with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Burial was in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Madeline V. Agler**, 92, died Friday. Services were today in Geneva.

CHURUBUSCO — **Dorwin E. Frazier**, 82, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Eel River Baptist Church. Calling 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marie E. Ball**, 90, died Friday. Services were Sunday in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Hazel Hunnicutt**, 77, died Thursday. Services were today in Huntington.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Merlin W. Hively**, 71, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert F. Auer**, 73, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

The Evening Star, Tues., Oct. 12, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth Wilkinson

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth E. Wilkinson, 70, of Fort Wayne, died Monday in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

A native of Fort Wayne, Mr. Wilkinson was a machine operator for 35 years at Dana Corp. before his retirement in 1995.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie; two daughters, Annette Blair of Angola, and Sue Rose of Fort Wayne; two sons, Denny Farr of Columbus, Ohio, and Homer Farr of Monroeville; a sister, Martha Willoughby of New Haven; seven brothers, Richard Wilkinson of Kendallville, Ronald Wilkinson of South Whitley, Donald Wilkinson of St. Petersburg, Fla., James Wilkinson of Homosassa, Fla., Paul Wilkinson of Syracuse, Lawrence Wilkinson of Burleson, Texas, and Dennis Wilkinson of Decatur; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military rites by American Legion Post 296.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana Care Service.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Barbara J. Tumbleson**, 65, died Sunday. Private graveside services. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Bernice Carver**, 92, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

The Evening Star, Wed., Oct. 13, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Lucille Cather

HAMILTON — Lucille H. Cather, 89, died Tuesday at 6:10 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Rev. Nigel Everett

WARREN — The Rev. Nigel Everett, 81, died Monday at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

She was a retired minister and former chaplain at the home. She was the first woman licensed to preach in the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church in 1961. She served at Etna Green, Elkhart Simpson, Wolf Lake-Kimmel, Ossian-Prospect, Butler and Monon. She was interim pastor for Warren and Plum Tree United Churches of Christ.

She was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 1985. She was an active member of Emmaus Community, Bayview Reading Club and Warren Area Ministerial Association.

She graduated from Crystal Lake High School in Ridgefield, Ill., and attended Goshen College in Goshen and Garrett Methodist Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

She was born Jan. 23, 1918, in Chicago to the late Elbert and Alice (Hart) Boyden.

She married Wayne E. Everett on June 16, 1935, and he died in 1976.

Surviving her are five daughters, Lael Russell (and husband, DeOrsay) of Columbus, Ohio, Judy Stevenson (and husband, Kenneth) of Big Bear, W.Va., Sharon Springer (and husband, James) of New Deal, Texas, Kim Hart of Hollywood, Fla., and Kimberlee Everett of Montpelier, Ind.; one son, Nathan Everett (and wife, Michele) of Bellevue, Wash.; one brother, Nathan Lambert of Williams, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Jay Dee Walters of Warren.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Arnold N. Lambert; a brother, Clair Boyden, and one grandson, James Ellis Springer Jr.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Applegate Chapel of the United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Her funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home, with calling from 1-2 p.m. Burial will take place in Prospect Cemetery, Uniondale, Wells County.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cancer Services of Huntington County, 165 Riverside Drive, Huntington.

Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Robert R. Squires**, 83, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

HOWE — **Dale M. Miller**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Oct. 14, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

DeWayne Agler

ANGOLA — DeWayne L. Agler, 60, of Angola, died Tuesday in Angola.

Mr. Agler had lived in the Angola area for five years after moving from Decatur. He he had worked for Jayco Industries, International Harvester and the Adams County Farm Bureau Co-op. He was a member of the Decatur Church of God.

He was born March 18, 1939, in Ohio City, Ohio, to Guy and Janice (Sutton) Agler. His mother survives in Decatur. His father preceded him in death.

On Jan. 5, 1968, he married Diana (Girod) Agler, who survives at home.

Also surviving are four sons, Jeff (and wife, Judy) of Decatur, Christopher of Decatur, James (and wife, Pamela) of Berne, and Adam of Angola; two daughters, Cari Parrish of Los Angeles, and Amy Rekeweg (and husband, Curtis) of Fort Wayne; four foster children; two sisters, Rita Schindler of Fort Wayne and Norma Landis of Decatur; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with Pastor Michael Singleton of the Decatur Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to the Well Child Clinic of Steuben County.

George Brumbaugh

GARRETT — George A. Brumbaugh Sr., 67, of Garrett, died at 3:25 a.m. Wednesday in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Fort Wayne April 10, 1932, to Charles and Cecelia (Maus) Brumbaugh. On Jan. 14, 1968, in Garrett, he married Pat Trowbridge, who survives.

Mr. Brumbaugh had moved from Churubusco to Garrett 50 years ago. He retired in 1994 from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville and was also a security guard at various industries in the area. He was a member of Garrett Civil Defense and the Northeastern CB Club of Indiana at Ashley.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Robert Cooper of Kendallville; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Marshall and Linda Brumbaugh, and George A. Brumbaugh II, all of Garrett, and Jeffrey Brumbaugh of Kendallville; three sisters, Mary Greenwalt of Shreveport, La., Julia Puckett of Circleville, Ohio, and Margaret Menges of Corunna; a brother, Harry Brumbaugh of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Rose Anne Handshoe of Mishawaka; a stepson, Garnet Handshoe of Garrett; a half-sister, Phyllis Felger of Churubusco; a half-brother, Charles Brumbaugh of Lake James; seven grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, a stepdaughter, a grandson, a stepgranddaughter and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Lucille Cather

BUTLER — Lucille H. Cather, 89, died Tuesday at 6:10 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Cather was a homemaker and lived in Hamilton. She was a member of the Eudora Club and Hamilton Grange. She was a former worthy matron for Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Sept. 29, 1910, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to the late Perry and Mabel (Waterman) Hamman.

She married Robert K. Cather on July 26, 1931, in Butler. Her husband was the former manager of the Angola Kroger store. He died April 21, 1996.

Surviving her are two sons, A.B. "Tony Cather (and wife, Connie) of Fort Wayne and James R. Cather (and wife, Marcia) of Hamilton; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Cosper (and husband, Ora) of Angola; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Donald Hamman, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 5-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. An Eastern Star service will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Edwin L. Clark of the Hamilton United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will take place in Big Run Cemetery, rural Butler.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

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Eugene Johnson
Doris Johnson

HAZEL CREST, Ill. — Eugene "Gene" Nelson Johnson, 75, and Doris Rose (Dickson) Johnson, 77, died Sept. 8 in their home in Hazel Crest, Ill.

They had lived in Hazel Crest, a suburb of Chicago, for the past 23 years and formerly lived in South Bend.

Mrs. Johnson was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Garrett and graduated from Garrett High School in 1940. She retired as an account clerk for Continental Bank in 1988, and was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and the Garrett Order of Eastern Star.

Mr. Johnson was born Oct. 9, 1923, in South Bend and graduated from Auburn High School in 1941. He retired in 1988 as a comptroller for Associated Investment Co. in Chicago. He was a member of the Anchorage, Alaska, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of South Bend, and the Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force.

They are survived by a daughter, Jacquin "Jackie" Herran of Zionsville, Ill., and three grandchildren, Erica, Nicholas and Andrew Herran.

Mr. Johnson also is survived by a sister, Ellen Wroten of Sacramento, Calif.

Memorial services for the couple were held Sept. 13 in Homewood, Ill.

Allen Porter

STROH — Allen L. Porter, 58, of Stroh, died at 7:26 p.m. Tuesday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville on Feb. 23, 1941, to Clarence H. and Geneva (Pontius) Porter. His father preceded him in death in 1990. His mother survives in Stroh.

Mr. Porter, a lifetime Stroh resident, was in the vending machine business and a member of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are a daughter, Susie Miller of Stroh; three sons, Kevin Porter of Fremont, and Gary Porter and David Porter, both of Stroh; a brother, Russell Porter of Fremont; and three grandchildren, Jennifer, Bobbi and Tabetha Whitmore.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Waterloo Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Rick G. Rigney officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Wendell Green** died Wednesday. Services are pending in Hite Funeral Home.

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Dr. Vincent F. Westfall

Fort Wayne — 1916-1999

Dr. Vincent F. Westfall, 83, of Fort Wayne, a retired optometrist active in many community groups, died Thursday, Sept. 30, 1999, in Parkview Hospital.

The Rockford, Ill., native retired from optometry in 1974. He was past president of the Fort Wayne Exchange Club and the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society. He also belonged to First Presbyterian Church, Sol D. Bayless Lodge 359 F& AM, Mizpah Shrine and Indiana Historical Society.

Surviving are his wife, J. Louwilda; a son, Michael L. of Fort Wayne; a brother, Clifford of Butte, Mont.; and several half brothers and half sisters.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., where calling begins at noon. Sol D. Bayless Lodge will perform its service at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital for Children or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Grubb

AUBURN — Dorothy E. Grubb, 77, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1999, at 3:31 p.m. in a traffic accident at State Road 3 and SR 8, south of Kendallville in Noble County.

Mrs. Grubb lived in Auburn and was a homemaker and bookkeeper for Grubb Machine Shop of Auburn.

She was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Butler to the late Frank and Ethel (Green) Obendorf.

She married Clare E. "Gene" Grubb on July 6, 1943, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Larry Grubb of Butler; one daughter, Ann Grubb of Indianapolis; four brothers, Russell and Richard Obendorf, both of Butler, Robert Obendorf of Auburn, and Allen "Pat" Obendorf of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters, Ruby Gruver of Edgerton, Ohio, and Helen Whitman of Auburn; and one granddaughter, April Grubb of Auburn.

One sister, Sharon Obendorf, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 6-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Harlan Weicht and the Rev. Russell Wilbur officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date.

Clayton Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Clayton D. Hart, 83, of Kendallville, a former Noble County councilman, died at 12:25 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville. He had been ill the past three weeks.

He was born in Cosperville on July 31, 1916, to Wilbur C. and Flossie L. (Baker) Hart. On Aug. 21, 1937, in Auburn, he married Marjorie J. Bower. She survives.

Mr. Hart, a retired building contractor, had served as Orange Township trustee eight years and on the Noble County Council for four years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Rome City Post 381, VFW Post 279, Kendallville, and the Eagles Lodge in Albion.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Charles Hart of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Irene Francis of Corunna, and Merle Reed of Florida; a half-sister, Lois Workman of Columbia City; and two grandchildren, Tonya Hart of Tulsa, and Dawn Adoor of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Gifford; a half-sister, Mary; and two half-brothers, Junior Jake Hart and Gene Hart.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Bobby Wells

KENDALLVILLE — Bobby N. Wells, 30, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1999, in an industrial accident at Auburn Foundry.

Mr. Wells was a maintenance worker at Auburn Foundry, and formerly worked at Autojectors Inc. He was a graduate of Central Noble High School and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Albion Softball League and raced cars at Angola Raceway. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Jan. 7, 1969, in Kendallville to Robert and Marie (Dubea) Wells. They survive in Albion.

He married Joanne Bobay on June 4, 1995, in LaOtto, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Megan Wells of Kendallville; three sons, Derek, Dustin and Casey Wells, all of Kendallville; one sister, Cathleen Hughes of Auburn; one brother, Glen Wells of Clarksville, Tenn.; and his grandparents, Jim and Evelyn Wells of Albion, and Phyllis Dubea of Auburn.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from noon-4 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

His funeral service will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edward Hughes officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **David A. Hostler**, 51, died Wednesday. Graveside series at 11 a.m. Saturday in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6600 Covington Road, with calling at 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery.

SYRACUSE — **John W. Cripe**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral

COLUMBIA CITY — **Karen M. Lefkowicz**, 53, died Wednesday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Monday.

SYRACUSE — **John W. Cripe**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Arna Fenstermaker

FREMONT — Arna A. Fenstermaker, 80, died Friday at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He worked at Weatherhead in Angola as a machinist for 27 years, retiring in 1981. He was an Army veteran, and a member of the Fremont American Legion and the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Fenstermaker was born to Sherman and Esther Mae (Hassett) McKibben Fenstermaker on Oct. 30, 1918, in DeKalb County. He married Violet L. Freeburn in Auburn on March 27, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Roger Fenstermaker of Howe and Neil and Renee Fenstermaker of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mrs. Dean (Gloria) Pridgen of Montgomery, Mich., and Violet Vice of Garrett; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Fenstermaker, and one sister, Hilda McNeal.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Beam's Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dianne Cusamano officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, with a military graveside service given by the Fremont American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Fremont Post of the American Legion or the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe.

Darrell Reese

FREMONT — Darrell Devon Reese, 77, died Friday in Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

He was born April 9, 1922, in Williams County, Ohio, to Lloyd and Grace (Batterson) Reese. He married Maxine Parsons on June 20, 1942.

Mr. Reese was a machinist and retired from Weatherhead in Angola. A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of the Fremont American Legion.

Surviving with his wife are A daughter and son-in-law, Max and Carol Newbauer of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cindy Reese of LaOtto and Barry and Debra Reese of Fremont; one stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Bill and Rosalie Wasson of LaHabra, Calif.; one half-sister, Sidney Sue Smith of Indiana; his stepmother, Billie Jo Bright of Angola; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Devon Reese on Aug. 26, 1999; one great-granddaughter, Brandlyn Curtis in 1998; one sister, Rosalind Todd Bard; and one half-sister, Karen Dee Nagel.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Salyer officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, with a military graveside service by the Fremont American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Oliver Ellenbecker** of Kendallville died Thursday morning at his residence. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Ruegsegger

WATERLOO — Donald R. Ruegsegger, 81, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999, at 10:17 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Ruegsegger owned and operated R.P. Wakefield Corp. and Elsie Corp., both in Waterloo. He lived in Waterloo and was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church, Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library board, and Greenhurst Country Club. He was a member and past president of the Waterloo Lions Club, and a charter member of the DeKalb County Council on Child Abuse.

He was born Feb. 1, 1918, in Maple City, Mich., to the late Worthy and Harriett (Ashmore) Ruegsegger.

He married Shirley Steward on Dec. 1, 1973, in Kankakee, Ill., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Dr. Donald Ruegsegger of Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Michael Ruegsegger of Minneapolis, and Brian Ruegsegger of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Linda Ritchie of Sacramento, Calif., Sandra Carnahan of Auburn, and Rebecca Lowe of Waterloo; three brothers, Wayne of Washington State, Boyce of Colorado and Robert of California; two sisters, Wanita Leidl of Detroit and Anna Jackie of Pittsburgh; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A Lions Club service will be conducted Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Auburn Alliance Church, with Pastor Wayne Smith and Pastor David Schleh officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Youth for Christ or Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Kenneth Richmond

ST. JOE — Kenneth "Kenny" Richmond, 82, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999, at 12:30 p.m. in Heritage Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Richmond was a retired farmer and was retired as a carpenter from Butler Construction Co. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a first sergeant member of the Butler Eagles Lodge and was a past member of Butler American Legion Post 202.

He was born July 9, 1917, in Newville to the late Jesse M. and Hazel B. (Kellerman) Richmond.

He married Elma Brown on June 15, 1946, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ron of New Haven and Mark of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jack of Hicksville, Ohio, and Harold "Hap" of Jupiter, Fla.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) with calling after 8 a.m. The Rev. Tony Brooks, pastor of Newville United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will take place in Newville Cemetery, with a military graveside service conducted by the Butler post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Newville United Methodist Church or Alzheimer's Disease Association.

Gertrude Kankamp

ANGOLA — Gertrude A. Kankamp, 97, of Angola, died Friday, Oct. 15, 1999, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Kankamp, a homemaker, was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the ladies aide at the church and the NAITA Club.

She was born Oct. 11, 1902, in New Albany, to the late Guy and Blanche (Jensen) Fink.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Gary of Fremont; three grandchildren, Karen Jack of Pleasant Lake, Fred Kankamp of South Jordan, Utah, and Ron Gary of Aloha, Ore; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Kankamp, on Aug. 23, 1970; a son, Charles Wendell Kankamp in 1989; a sister, Thelma Ferguson; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Gary.

Friends may call from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to Angola United Methodist Church.

Cornelia Gfeller

AUBURN — Cornelia M. Gfeller, 90, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999, at 4:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Gfeller was a homemaker and lived on Betz Road, Auburn. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo, and its rosary society.

She was born Jan. 3, 1909, in Blue Island, Ill., to the late Peter and Mary (Rinkel) Schuit.

She married Joseph Gfeller on April 19, 1932, in Chicago, and he died Aug. 5, 1951.

Surviving her are one son, Frederick of Corunna; three daughters, Mary Ann Freeburg of Calumet City, Ill., Agnes Fender of Waterloo and Evelyn Claxton of North Liberty; two sisters, Sister Mary Katherine Schuit of Winsted, Minn., and Beatrice Voerman of Harrison, Wis.; 27 grandchildren, including her granddaughter and caregiver for nine years, Darline Mavis of St. Joe; 60 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Richard; two brothers, Jake and Nick Schuit; and two sisters, Lena Shoudel and Elizabeth Harrington.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to the activities department at Betz Nursing Home.

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Marilyn Williams

GARRETT — Marilyn L. Williams, 69, died today, Oct. 18, 1999, at her son's home in Garrett.

She was born June 24, 1930, in Fostoria, Ohio, to the the late John W. and Flora M. (Lovins) Sekinger.

She married Donald L. Williams, who died Jan. 28, 1990.

Surviving are three sons, Ronald L. Williams (and wife, Nona) of Marion, Ohio, Randy L. Williams of Garrett, and Rick L. Williams (and wife, Heather) of Garrett; one brother, Michael Sekinger (and wife, Nancy) of Yankeetown, Fla.; one sister, Susan Sekinger of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at noon (Indiana time) in Prospect Cemetery in Prospect, Ohio, with the Rev. JoAnn Grepski officiating. There will be no calling.

Gunder/Hall & Folk Funeral Directors, Marion Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marvin Harris**, 43, died Thursday. Services were today in Columbia City.

KENDALLVILLE —**Oliver Ellenbecker**, 88, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Clifford A. Nelson Sr.**, 84, died Saturday. Private family services and calling.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Oct. 21, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Maida Helms

BUTLER — Maida J. Helms, 88, died Wednesday at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, following a short illness.

She formerly lived in Hamilton, Garrett and Orland. She was co-owner of Polly's Tavern in Garrett and a past member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland. She attended Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born June 21, 1911, in Canada to the late Willis and Blanch Miller.

She married Michael Helms, who died in 1951.

Surviving are two nieces, Pat Oberlin (and husband, Mac Lynn Oberlin) and Polly Racy, both of Hamilton; a brother, Kenneth "Babe" Miller of Jackson, Mich.; a sister, Lois Wall (and husband, Earl) of Tucson, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews; and her loving friends, residents and staff at Laurels of DeKalb.

Three brothers, Ralph, Clarence and Bud Miller, and one sister, Thelma Rumsey, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Edwin Clark will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Legion Post 423 Auxiliary, Orland.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **George L. Porter Sr.**, 79, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

ROANOKE — **Elsie Luella Martin**, 92, died Monday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Friday in Glenwood Cemetery, Roanoke. No calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Shirley J. Troyer**, 70, died Tuesday. Private services. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Deaths/Funerals

William Ply

LAFAYETTE — William F. Ply, 67, of Lafayette, died at 8:05 p.m. Sunday in Home Hospital, Lafayette, where he had been a patient six days.

He was born April 25, 1932, in Wabash. On July 21, 1957, in Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna, he married Joyce Joan Hecht. She preceded him in death May 3, 1995.

Mr. Ply had lived in Lafayette since 1968, moving from Indianapolis. He attended Manchester College and was director of environmental services at Home Hospital, Lafayette, for 19 years, retiring in 1987. Following his retirement, he worked for Frontier Services at George Davis Manor, Westminster Village and Otterbien Healthcare. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Fraternal Order of Eagles and American Legion in Wabash. He served in the U.S. Navy from Feb. 26, 1952, to Feb. 15, 1956, stationed on the USS Doyle.

Surviving are two daughters, Kimberly McDonough of Jamestown, R.I., and Kris Ripka of Lafayette; a son, Kevin Ply of Lafayette; two brothers, Robert Ply of Wildwood, Ill., and Charles Ply of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. James Lutheran Church, Lafayette, with graveside services at 4 p.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Daniel P. May officiating.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in Soller Baker Funeral Home, 400 Twyckenham Blvd., Lafayette.

Preferred memorials are to St. James Lutheran School, Lafayette, or Frank and Rozy Simek Scholarship Fund in care of Home Hospital Administration, 2400 South St., Lafayette 47905.

Thomas Bohner

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas P. Bohner, 59, of Kendallville, died at 11:20 p.m. Sunday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Defiance, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1939, to Mel G. and Thelma (Mack) Bohner. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Archbold, Ohio. On April 2, 1966, in Defiance, he married Marlene F. Miller. She also survives.

Mr. Bohner was a veteran of the U.S. Army Paratroopers serving in the Vietnam War and a highly decorated Green Beret Special Forces member. He was co-owner, president and CEO of Banco Industries Toll and Die Inc. in Kendallville. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Eagles and Moose lodges in Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife and father are four sons, Kevin L. Morton of Archbold, Larry J. Nagel of South Milford, Glen W. Nagel of LaGrange, and Marvin H. Nagel of Corunna; two sisters, Sandra Drittler and Mary B. Martz, both of Archbold; a brother, Jerry E. Bohner of Rossford, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Peg Guerin; a brother, Ed J. Bohner; and a great-granddaughter, Chelsea.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or Masses to the church.

Martha DeBaillie

KENDALLVILLE — Martha Marie DeBaillie, 87, of Kendallville, died at 1 a.m. Monday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, where she had resided the past year and a half.

She was born in Stalin, Belgium, on Jan. 31, 1912, to Henry and Emma (Crumby) Colpaert. On Nov. 24, 1931, in Columbia City, she married Alberic DeBaillie. He preceded her in death April 27, 1977.

Mrs. DeBaillie had lived in Noble County most of her life. She was a homemaker and had worked at Chain O' Lakes State Park for a short time. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Betty Ilene Bushee of Markle, Julia Rosella Parker of Ligonier, and Marcella May and Jerry Boman of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Louise Hague, Mary DeBaillie and Diane Brown; a son, Henry Joseph DeBaillie; a sister, Mary Winters; and a brother, Achiel Colpaert.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church or to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Sarah Amstutz

SPENCERVILLE — Sarah Emmogene Amstutz, 100, died this morning, Oct. 20, 1999, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Amstutz was a homemaker and member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville, the Spencer Belles Extension Homemakers Club (for 80 years), and the Post Office Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 7, 1899, in Milan Township, Allen County, Ind., to the late Elmer Joseph and Minnie (Lake) Doty.

She married Frank Elroy Amstutz on May 19, 1923, in Milan Township, and he died May 19, 1973.

Surviving her are a son-in-law, Robert Lichtsinn of Spencerville; two nephews, John E. Johnson of Spencerville and David Amstutz of Salt Lake City, Utah; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Betty Ruth Amstutz on Feb. 2, 1995, and Lois M. Lichtsinn on Aug. 14, 1996; one brother, Harry Doty; and two sisters, Nellie Meyer and Ercel Doty.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Paul Row and Pastor Richard Kraus officiating. Burial will take place in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc., Department of Ophthalmology, Indiana University Medical Center, 110 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis IN 46223; or DeKalb County Council on Aging, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706.

Doyle Derickson

MARION — Doyle G. Derickson, 65, died Sunday in Marion General Hospital in Marion.

He was born in Fort Wayne and was a lifetime city resident. He served in the U.S. Army between 1956-1958 and had worked as a painter for Wolf Lake Lumber.

Surviving are two sons, Randy Derickson and Rick Derickson, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Harold Derickson of Garrett, and Bob Derickson of Poe; and a sister, Marcielle Schlutz of Orland.

Graveside services were at 9 a.m. today in Marion National Cemetery, Marion.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Faven Funeral Home.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Richard Bryant**, 53, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Cecil O. Neill**, 93, died Monday. Services Thursday in Lake Placid, Fla.

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Deaths/Funerals

Norma Parker

HAMILTON — Norma E. Parker, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at 4:15 p.m. in Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Parker was a matron at the DeKalb County Farm home for 11 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church, Angola Women of the Moose, Pleasant Lake Lioness Club and Hamilton Pythian Sisters. She was a worthy patron of the Hamilton Grange. She was a former member of the Smithfield Township Extension Homemakers Club and was a member and former board member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

She was born Dec. 28, 1912, in Ottawa, Ohio, to the late Seth Edward and Effie (Fisher) Myers.

She married Cecil H. Parker on June 21, 1931, in Waterloo and he died Dec. 24, 1981.

Surviving her are three sons, Ronald and Kenneth, both of Pleasant Lake, and Floyd of Frankton; two daughters, Phyllis Towns of Poneto and Charlotte Parker of Grand Island, Neb.; one brother, Orla Myers of Fremont, two sisters, Harriett Loucks of Angola and Mildred June Hill of Williamston, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Roger Lynn Parker, Sue Ann Parker and Larry Parker; and five brothers, Voyle, Donald, Floyd, Glenn and Chris Myers.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will take place in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Ashley United Methodist Church.

Gaylord Webb

LAPORTE — Gaylord E. Webb, 82, died Thursday at 10:55 a.m. in LaPorte Hospital.

Mr. Webb was a laborer at Federal Ordnance Plant for 10 years and was an Indiana Guard reserve officer. He was a World War II and Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion post in New Carlisle, LaPorte Veterans of Foreign Wars, Purple Heart 1985 of South Bend, and Fraternal Order of Police.

He was born Jan. 2, 1917, in Auburn to the late Ernest and Ida Mae (Ritchie) Webb.

He married Doris J. Grate in 1952 in Auburn, and she died Jan. 3, 1995.

Surviving him are two sons, Daniel of LaPorte and Michael (and wife, Ruth Ann) of Valparaiso; and three grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in Haverstock Funeral Home, 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, with calling after 1 p.m.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to Disabled American Veterans.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Amanda Kay Harter**, 20, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

The Evening Star, Sat., Oct. 23, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Ethan Goings

AVILLA — Ethan J. Goings died shortly after his birth Friday at 7:22 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Richard Goings and Tara Traster, both of Avilla.

Also surviving are a half-brother, Aaron Goings of Garrett; his maternal grandparents, John and Becky Traster of South Milford; and two maternal great-grandmothers, Dorothy Traster of South Milford and Marilyn Siebert Ramsey of Ashley.

Graveside services will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in South Milford Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Lewis Wells

PLEASANT LAKE — Lewis "Jack" William Wells, 70, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday at his home.

Mr. Wells was a retired farmer and factory worker.

He was born Feb. 23, 1929, in DeKalb County to William and Sylvia (Curry) Wells. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives him in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are three sisters, Betty Wells of Pleasant Lake, Berniece Jackson of Hudson and Virginia Freeman of Auburn, and four stepchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Velma Wells and Judith Kistler.

Friends may call Monday from noon-2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating.

Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

Frederick Kratz

LAGRANGE — Frederick P. Kratz, 71, of LaGrange, died Friday at his residence.

Mr. Kratz was a truck driver for 26 years at AGA Gas Inc. and Wergenior Welding. He was a farmer and drove a bread truck for six years for Silver Cup Bread Co. He also drove a milk truck.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Kratz was a member of the LaGrange posts of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a graduate of Scott Center High School in Steuben County.

He was born May 9, 1928, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to the late Harold and Evangeline (Pilliod) Kratz.

On July 4, 1951, he married Willa (Sutton) Kratz, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Tom of Orland, and Dennis of Brushy Prairie; two daughters, Connie Mireley of Mongo and Cindy Reaper of Hamilton; a brother, Charles Kratz of Angola; and 10 grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Kratz, and two sisters, Louise Woodworth and Virginia Gay Kuhman.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorial donations may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, LaGrange.

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Deaths/Funerals

Max Bolinger

AUBURN — Max L. Bolinger, 66, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999, at 12:40 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Max L. Bolinger

Mr. Bolinger was an accountant for various firms and owned his own bookkeeping and tax service. He lived in Auburn and was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Warsaw Veterans of Foreign Wars post and enjoyed gardening and baseball.

He was born Dec. 8, 1932, in Fort Wayne. He married Nancy L. Quinn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Mark L. of Auburn; three daughters, Patricia L. Tusing of Warsaw, Cindy L. Miller of Evansville, and Susan L. Haiflich of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

Three brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Salvatore Colacuori

ANGOLA — Salvatore Colacuori, 91, of Lake George, died Saturday at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Colacuori had lived at Lake George since 1969 after retiring and moving from Chicago. He had worked for International Harvester.

He was born Dec. 7, 1907, in West Orange, N.J., to the late Ferdinand and Mary (Aralle) Colacuori.

On Aug. 14, 1936, he married Myrtle (Mathews) Colacuori, who preceded him in death on March 9, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Michael of Angola; two brothers, Hugo Colacuori of New Jersey and Frederick Colacuori of Secaucus, N.J.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with Pastor Harold Beck officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

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Robert Morr Sr.

AUBURN — Robert J. Morr Sr., 65, died Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, at 10:20 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Morr retired as a core room superintendent from Auburn Foundry in February 1995 with 42 years of service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn and Auburn Elks Lodge. He was past president of the Auburn Jaycees and lived in Auburn

He was born March 3, 1934, in Kendallville to the late Phillip Merle and Lalah (Nichols) Morr.

He married Marilyn Wansitler on July 6, 1953, in Lebanon, Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert J. Morr Jr. of Auburn and Joseph Morr (and wife, Julia) of Ashley; two daughters, Patricia Worthington (and husband, David) of Auburn and Catherine Smith (and husband, Tim) of Auburn; two brothers, Phillip M. Morr Jr. of Kendallville and George Morr of Auburn; one sister, Betty Crager of Pleasant Lake; and seven grandchildren, Jonathan, Jamie and Josh Worthington, Heather Harper and Darci Smith, and Jenna and Janelle Morr.

One sister, Roselyn Childers, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

His funeral service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. William Kaster and the Rev. Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Wendell Tubbs

PLEASANT LAKE — Wendell W. Tubbs, 85, of Pleasant Lake, died at 9:41 p.m. Saturday in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

He was born in Hudson Jan. 20, 1914, to Carl and Edna (Libey) Tubbs.

Mr. Tubbs, a lifetime rural Pleasant Lake resident, was a retired farmer and member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Only nieces and nephews survive.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, June Buell and Rhea Tubbs; and three brothers, Fay Tubbs, Arden Tubbs and Keith Tubbs.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Tubbs and the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Hudson Ball Team or charity of the donor's choice.

Loretta Scherschel

FORT WAYNE — Loretta L. Scherschel, 80, died Sunday in Woodcrest of Decatur, in Decatur.

She was born April 20, 1919, in Fort Wayne and had worked for Wayne Candies for 13 years.

Surviving are her husband, Walter; two daughters, Sondra Case of Monroeville, and Linda Lengacher of Butler; a brother, Edward Ensch of Clearwater, Fla.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Marion Waites

FORT WAYNE — Marion E. Waites, 59, died Friday in Parkview Hospital.

A native of Grafton, W.Va., she was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Paul; six brothers, Richard Poling of Paint Rock, Ala., Bud Poling of Kendallville, David Poling of Leo-Cedarville, Dennis Poling of Wilmington, N.C., Jerry Poling of Phoenix, and Rex Poling of Toledo; and a sister, Sharon Bush of Leo-Cedarville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in New Hope Worship Center, 9019 Stellhorn Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-p p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., and one hour before services at the church Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the New Hope Worship Center's building fund, 9019 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne 46815.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dorothy E. Foster**, 82, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Anna Margaret Hiss**, 78, died Friday. Mass of Christian Burial was today in Columbia City.

SYRACUSE — **Roger Alexander Martin**, 27, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Syracuse.

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Deaths/Funerals

Rosaleen Long

AUBURN — Rosaleen Long, 69, died Monday, Oct. 25, 1999, at 7:20 a.m. in her home on DeKalb County Road 60.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker, a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and a 30-year member of the Jacksonettes Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born Oct. 28, 1929, in Decatur to Howard and Nessie (Beam) Myers.

She married William J. Long on June 24, 1950, in Monroeville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Kim Foss of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Pamela of Auburn, Daniel and Lori of Fort Wayne, and David andTammy of Auburn; and 10 grandchildren, Robert, James, Tamara, Timothy, Steven, and David William Long, Melissa and Travis Ort, and Rachel and Kyle Foss.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Rose Long, and two brothers, Max Myers, who died in Korea in 1952, and Lester Myers, who died in 1993.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The rosary will be recited Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Margaret E. Knox**, 84, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there an hour before services.

KIMMELL — **Guy B. Stureman**, 81, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Amy C. Eckerle**, 99, died Sunday. Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling 5-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LAGRANGE — **Esther Faye Fisel**, 71, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert E. Mowery**, 77, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Charles Stewart

GARRETT — Charles H. Stewart, 52, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1999, at 10:58 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Stewart worked at LDM in Kendallville and was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born May 25, 1947, in Seattle, Wash., to Gordon and Henry (Holmes) Stewart. His mother survives in Reno, Nev.

Also surviving him are two sons, Charles H. Stewart Jr. and David Stewart, both of Reno; two daughters and a son-in-law, Bobbi Jo Stewart of Reno and Beth Anne and Loy Roger Slone of Garrett; three brothers, Jeff, Bruce and Ian, all of Reno; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Virginia Brown of Tucson, Ariz., Janet Stewart and Anne Lenhares, both of Carson City, Nev., and Susan and Michael Lewis of Garrett; and five grandchildren, Benjamin, Brook, Breanna, Bryan and Chad.

Calling is Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Susan and Michael Lewis's home at 210 W. Covell St., Garrett. No funeral is planned. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

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Betty Wolfe

ALBION — Betty R. Wolfe, 78, of Albion, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1999, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was born Aug. 19, 1921, in Wolf Lake, to Herbert and Ruby (Laukhart) Byer. On Jan. 8, 1944, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., she married Jack B. Wolfe. He preceded her in death Aug. 13, 1993.

Mrs. Wolfe, a lifetime Albion area resident, was employed by the USDA for 24 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Ormas Baptist Church and attended Cornerstone Wesleyan Church. She was a member of York Township Extension Homemaker's Club and the Best Years Fellowship of Cornerstone.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Jo Sue) Kirkpatrick of Albion, and Mrs. Ric (Jan) Roberts of Auburn; two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Kathryn) Holt of Sun City, Ariz., and Mrs. Lester (Mary Lou) Phipps of Warsaw; three brothers, Gene Byer and Herbert Byer Jr., both of Columbia City, and Robert Byer of Kimmell; four grandchildren, Pam Gardner, Melissa Meroney, Bob Kirkpatrick and Shayna Roberts; four great-grandchidren, Darci Brenneke, Tyler Meroney, Kayla Gardner and Colton Gardner; four great-great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreatgrandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam, with the Rev. George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church or Ormas Baptist Church.

Michael Machan

ORLAND — Michael G. Machan, 50, of Orland, died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center after a long illness.

Mr. Machan was employed at Indiana Marine Products and owned and operated Emcee Chimney Sweeps. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and loved being outdoors and hunting and fishing.

He was born Dec. 18, 1948, in Fawn River Township, Mich., to Ralph W. and Vivian L. (Shafer) Machan. His mother survives in Mesa, Ariz.

Also surviving are a son, Mitch Johnson of McMinnville, Tenn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Don Hennessee of McMinnville.; a sister, Janice Potts of Sturgis, Mich.; two grandchildren, Denise and Zachary Hennessee of McMinnville; a niece, Amy Burr of Sturgis, Mich.; a nephew, Richard Potts of Nottawa, Mich.; and two special friends, Ron and Shelly Manning of Orland.

He was preceded in death by his father and an infant brother.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society and Carlin Park Healthcare Center.

Carroll Colgan

AVILLA — Carroll M. Colgan, 74, of Avilla, died at 1:47 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 1999, in McCray Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 12, 1925, in Jacksonville, Fla., to Carroll Charles and Eva (O'Neal) Colgan. On Aug. 17, 1957, in Panama City, Fla., he married Mildred Mann. She survives.

Mr. Colgan retired in 1990 as a psychology professor from the University of South Carolina.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and a member of Lake Murray Sailing Club in Chapin, Fla., and the American Psychological Association.

Also surviving are a daughter, Margie Deal of Avilla; a son, Charles Colgan of Midland, Texas; a brother, Clifford D. Colgan of Jackson, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Christian Life Assembly, 500 Old Bush Road, Columbia, S.C. Burial will be in Bush River Memorial Garden, Columbia.

Calling is today in Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Columbia.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of local arrangements.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — **Meta L. Stringfellow**, 85, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Wawaka United Methodist Church, Wawaka. Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Todd M. Jagger**, 35, died Monday. Services at 3 p.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 1-9 p.m. Thursday and two hours before services.

SYRACUSE — **Carl E. "Cot" DeMiller**, 67, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Wakarusa United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, Wakarusa.

Deaths/Funerals

Everett Tarlton

ALBION — Everett T. "Peck" Tarlton, 72, of Albion, died in his residence at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999.

He was born March 25, 1927, in Garrett to John and Anna (Addis) Tarlton. On April 3, 1954, at Bear Lake, he married Mildred A. Weible. She survives.

Mr. Tarlton, a lifetime Albion resident, was retired from a farm repair service. He was a Golden Eagle of the Albion Eagles Lodge No. 2455.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kathy Cluff Braglin of Clayton, N.C., Roberta Good of Albion, and Mary Campbell of Ligonier; three sons, Joe Tarlton of Pierceton, Mark Tarlton of Albion, and Milt Tarlton of Albion; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mike Tarlton.

Services and burial in Sweet Cemetery will be at a later date.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Memorials are to the family.

Ida DeLong

KENDALLVILLE — Ida Mae DeLong, 85, of Kendallville, died at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, in her residence.

She was born in Corunna, Sept. 18, 1914, to Daniel and Maude (Weirich) Smith. On Nov. 2, 1933, in DeKalb County, she married Harold O. DeLong he preceded her in death Sept. 26, 1978.

Mrs. DeLong, a homemaker, was past president of the Allen Township Extension Homemakers' Club.

Surviving are six sons, Dale L. DeLong and Paul E. DeLong, both of Avilla, Harold Amos DeLong of Churubusco, Robert G. DeLong of Kendallville, LeRoy E. DeLong of Auburn, and Hugh L. DeLong of Albion; three daughters, Carolyn Lash and Diana Morse, both of Kendallville, and Loretta Nesbit of Avilla; 14 grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-great-grandchilden.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Steven DeLong, and two sisters, Thelma McGiffin and Beatrice Lindsey.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Audrey Baker Bauer

AUBURN — Audrey "Judy" Baker Bauer, 89, died Wednesday morning, Oct. 27, 1999, in southern California, where she had resided for the last 7 1/2 years.

Mrs. Bauer was born April 4, 1910, in Frankfort, Ind., to Leanightres Themanon and Druzilla (Laymon) Baker. She lived in Gaston and Muncie with her five sisters and her brother, Basil, before moving to Auburn.

Bauer

In August 1928 she married Henry Wesley Bauer who, with his family, opened the Bauer Dairy. Together they raised three children and enjoyed the inclusion of their niece, Mary B. Culver, and nephew, Fred Louis Bauer, after the death of their father in 1936.

Throughout her many years in Auburn she was a member of a Methodist Church women's circle and the Auburn Elks Club, as well as an active supporter of the Auburn High P.T.G., the Sunshine School for special needs children and the Methodist Church Youth Fellowship. Throughout her life she enjoyed a wide circle of friends, including those in Florida where she and Mr. Bauer spent time in their later years.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and John F. Rice of San Diego, Calif., and Betty and John C. Thrapp of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Georgia Bauer of Florida; two sisters, Farel Redding of Anderson and Ethel Crutcher of Florida; nine grandchildren, Judy, John, Jeanne, Richard, Jim, Susie, Elisabeth, Mary Frances and John J.; and 11 great-grandchildren, Bowen, Meaghan, Erinn, Kerry, McKenna, Katie, Julie, Avery, John, Thomas, Christopher and Kelly.

In addition to her husband and brother, she was preceded in death by a son, Richard D. Bauer of Florida, and three sisters, Veree Fallis, Doris Trout and Helen Scherer.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, at the family gravesite.

Calling will be Monday from 1-2 p.m. in the funeral home. A prayer service will be held San Diego today.

Memorials are to Wee Haven School in Garrett.

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Paul Sommer

LEO — Paul E. Sommer, 69, died at 3 a.m. today, Oct. 29, 1999, at his home in Leo.

Mr. Sommer worked as a dye maker at Rea Wire in Fort Wayne for 17 years, and enjoyed collecting and restoring antique radios. He was involved in DeKalb County's Youth For Christ organization, JV Campus Life and the Fast Start Club. He also served as a volunteer for the DeKalb County Probation Department.

Sommer

Mr. Sommer was born Jan. 27, 1930, in Fort Wayne to the Rev. Lester and Barbara (Stauffer) Sommer. He graduated from Ossian High School in 1948.

On July 11, 1964, he married Marilyn S. Lovell in Harlan. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cynthia Johnson of Butler and Ruth Ann Bracey of Decatur; two brothers, James Sommer of Bourbon and Robert Sommer of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Michelle Zimmerman, and Janelle and Matthew Bracey, all of Decatur.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Robinson Chapel in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Marti Lundy officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at Robinson Chapel.

Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery, Ossian.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or Allen County Hospice.

Samuel Frye

ANGOLA — Samuel J. Frye, 79, of Angola, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He retired from Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co. in 1985, and also worked for Hosack's Appliances in Angola.

A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of American Legion Post 31, for which he served as post commander twice.

He was born Jan. 13, 1920, in LaGrange to John and Mary (Yoder) Frye.

He married his second wife, Beverly (Mays) Frye, in 1963, and she preceded him in death Sept. 15, 1971. His first wife, Bracey A. Parker, died in 1953.

He is survived by three sons, Jerry Frye of Kendallville, Jack Frye of Longwood, Fla., and Robert Frye of Angola; a daughter, Kathy King of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Dan Fry of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A son, Richard Wilcox, a brother, Willard Frye, and a grandson, James Earles, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Weicht Funeral Home, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery. Angola American Legion Post 31 will conduct a graveside military service.

Herman Hohl

PLEASANT LAKE — Herman J. Hohl, 82, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1999, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hohl owned a farm and worked for Warner Gear in Auburn until 1975. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, and was an Ashley High School graduate.

He was born May 13, 1917, in DeKalb County to Frank and Catherine (Dapp) Hohl.

On Jan. 5, 1940, he married Gretchen Myers, who survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving him are a son, Roger Hohl of Woodridge, Ill.; a sister, Rosemary Bender of Waterloo; and two grandchildren.

A son, Kenneth Hohl, a brother, Francis Hohl, and two sisters, Catherine Hohl and Annabelle Gee, preceded him in death.

A funeral mass was conducted today in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial was in St. Michael Cemetery, Waterloo.

Jack Bickley

CHURUBUSCO — Jack G. Bickley, 68, formerly of Churubusco, died at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since March.

He was born March 31, 1931, in Castlewood, Va., to Oscar and Lizzie (Couch) Bickley. On Oct. 10, 1969, in Arlington, Va., he married Judy E. Woll of Churubusco. She preceded him in death May 4, 1979.

Mr. Bickley grew up in Castlewood and completed his military duty in the U.S. Navy Seabees. The couple moved to Churubusco in 1972 where he was employed as a construction worker. He had last lived in Blountville, Tenn., until returning to this area in March.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and George Parker of Fort Wayne; a son, Winston Bickley of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Nell and John Lonan of St. Paul, Va.; two sisters, Carolyn Farrier of Newport, Va., and Joyce Minor of Blountville; and a granddaughter, Dorian Parker.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Calling is one hour before services on Saturday.

Evening Star, Fri., Oct. 29, 1999 (cont'd)

Harold E. Keller Sr.

WATERLOO — Harold E. Keller Sr., 75, died at 4 a.m. today, Friday, Oct. 29, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Keller was a set-up man for Dana Corp. in Auburn, where he was employed for 36 years. He retired on April 1, 1982. A veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, he was a member of the American Legion post in Butler and the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Auburn to Floyd and Mildred (Rohm) Keller.

On April 6, 1946, in Auburn he married E. Maxine Eyster, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Harold Keller Jr. of Auburn; two daughters, Toni S. Pearson of Auburn and Harriet L. Simmons of Fort Wayne; three brothers, LeRoy of Butler, Leonard of Blissfield, Mich., and Floyd Sr. of Sebring, Fla.; three sisters, Violet Provines and Sue Surface, both of Butler, and Carol Cummings of Auburn; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Virginia Zimmerman

OCALA, Fla. — Virginia F. Zimmerman, 82, of Summerfield, Fla., and formerly of Lake Pleasant near Orland, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1999, in Ocala Regional Medical Center, Ocala, Fla.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a homemaker and a 22-year member of the Orland American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She and her husband moved from Lake Pleasant to Florida permanently in December 1998.

She was born April 10, 1917, in Redkey to Samuel and Ethel (Lutes) Dull.

Her first husband, Leonard Ertel, preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 1971. She married Charles J. Zimmerman on Oct. 2, 1972, in Portland, and he survives at home.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Susan Ertel of Summerfield, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Kathy Zimmerman of Greenwood; two stepsons, Michael Zimmerman of Farmington, N.M., and Garry Zimmerman of Fort Myers, Fla; and three stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Ross E. Rollins**, 73, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Edward Koenig

PLEASANT LAKE — Edward A. "Ed" Koenig, 81, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999, at 10:28 a.m. at his Pleasant Lake home.

He retired in 1981 with 33 years of service as the Pacific area comptroller in the Toledo office of Dana Corp. He also operated a tax service from his home. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1946.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, Pleasant Lake Lions Club and the Indiana State Public Accountants Society.

Mr. Koenig was born March 2, 1918, in Ossian to Fred W. and Eleanor (Roehm) Koenig.

He married Flo Rose Gantt on July 5, 1941, in Meridian, Miss., and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, the Rev. Stephen Koenig of Reynolds, the Rev. Kevin Koenig of Sarasota, Fla., and Craig and Mark Koenig, both of Auburn; two daughters, Ann Kern of Sulphur, La., and Kim Perez of Auburn; one sister, Kathryn Billow of Phoenix, Ariz.; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Milton, and one sister, Mary Jane Millholand.

Services are Monday at 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Clear Lake.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Zimmerman

OCALA, Fla. — Virginia F. Zimmerman, 82, of Summerfield, Fla., and formerly of Lake Pleasant near Orland, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1999, in Ocala Regional Medical Center, Ocala, Fla.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a homemaker and a 22-year member of the Orland American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She and her husband moved from Lake Pleasant to Florida permanently in December 1998.

She was born April 10, 1917, in Redkey to Samuel and Ethel (Lutes) Dull.

Her first husband, Leonard Ertel, preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 1971. She married Charles J. Zimmerman on Oct. 2, 1972, in Portland, and he survives at home.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Susan Ertel of Summerfield, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Kathy Zimmerman of Greenwood; two stepsons, Michael Zimmerman of Farmington, N.M., and Garry Zimmerman of Fort Myers, Fla; and three stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling from 9-10 a.m. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Ind.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

The Evening Star, Mon., Nov. 1, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Richard Hamilton

KENDALLVILLE — Richard R. Hamilton, 76, of Kendallville, former East Noble School Corp. superintendent, died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 1999, in his home. He had been seriously ill since Feb. 14.

He was born June 14, 1923, in Decatur, Ill., to Marshall and Cleone (Phillips) Hamilton. On Aug. 6, 1948, in Bangor, Wis., he married Doris "Dee" Streeton. She survives.

Mr. Hamilton graduated from Menomonie (Wis.) High School in 1940. He entered the University of Wisconsin at Stout and in January 1943 joined the U.S. Army during World War II, serving 43 months. He was in the 76th Infantry Division in Europe with Gen. George S. Patton's famed Third Army.

Mr. Hamilton was discharged in August 1946 and returned to college in Wisconsin. He received his bachelor's degree in 1947 and his master's degree in 1948.

The same year he began his teaching career in California as an industrial arts and vocational instructor. He held the position for three years and in 1951 took a position in Columbia City as a teacher.

In 1954, he moved to New Castle, where he was a full-time administrator and director of practical arts and adult education.

In January 1962, at the urging of his former New Castle mentor, the late Edgar Redman (who took the superintendent's position at East Noble the previous July), Mr. Hamilton applied and was hired as assistant superintendent at East Noble.

In 1978, Mr. Hamilton became East Noble's third superintendent. (Redman served from 1961-75 and Dr. John Brown served from 1975-78.)

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville, and was active in Gideons International.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael Hamilton of Avilla, and David and Mona Hamilton and Mark and Stacy Hamilton, all of Kendallville, and Bruce and Jill Hamilton of Auburn; and six grandchildren, April and Lisa Hamilton of Auburn, Elizabeth Hamilton of West Lafayette, Jennifer Hamilton of Bloomington, and Carmen and Cathy Hamilton of Kendallville.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Roger Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

Memorials are to Gideons International or to First Baptist Church.

Evening Star, Thur., Nov. 1, 1999 (cont'd)

Helen Haynes

KENDALLVILLE — Helen F. Haynes, 93, of Kendallville, died in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home Sunday, Oct. 31, 1999, at 9:45 a.m. She had been ill six years.

She was born in Fort Wayne, Nov. 1, 1905, to George and Marie K. (Lagemann) John. On Feb. 17, 1934, in Garrett, she married Gerald E. Haynes. He preceded her in death April 24, 1994.

Mrs. Haynes retired as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell and from Harman's IGA. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Indiana Bell Pioneers Club and a former member of the Kendallville Fire Department Auxiliary.

Surviving are two nephews, Larry McGahen of Kendallville, and Mike Haynes of Muncie; four nieces, Linda Bidwell of Rome City, Shirley Beneke and Sandy Bowman, both of Fort Wayne, and Becky Schermerhorn of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is one hour before services at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, or Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

Naomi Van Meter

MUNCIE — Naomi Van Meter, 83, of Muncie and formerly of Angola, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, in Las Vegas, Nev., following a brief illness.

Mrs. Van Meter drove a school bus and taught kindergarten at Scott Center School in Steuben County. She was a member of the Scott Neighbors Club and The Evening Musical Club in Angola. She was a longtime 4-H Club Leader in Steuben County and attended Angola First Christian Church.

She was born in Bell Center, Ohio, and graduated from Bell Center High School and Ohio State University. She lived in Angola for 39 years before moving to Muncie in 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald E. and Lorna Van Meter of Eaton; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Alan Gove of Boulder City, Nev.; and two granddaughters, Adele Morano and her husband, David, of Erie Colo., and Sacha Huysentruyt, and her husband, Karl, of Las Vegas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Van Meter, and a sister, Doris Elmer.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Meeks Mortuary Chapel, Muncie. Burial will follow in South Scott Cemetery, Angola, at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at Meeks Mortuary Chapel.

Memorials are to charities selected by the donors.

Valda Brown

FORT WAYNE — Valda Belle Brown, 82, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brown served as secretary-treasurer for National Magnesium Aluminum Foundry Inc., founded in 1970; Otis Brown Investments, founded in 1965, and Sturgis Light Metals Foundry Inc., founded in 1954. She lived in Spencerville from 1945 to 1975.

She was valedictorian of her Huntertown High School class, and was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Brown was born May 23, 1917, in Huntertown. She married Otis D. Brown on Oct. 14, 1939, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Robert McNabb of Auburn; three grandchildren, Nathan, Colleen and Kevin; and one great-grandchild, Michael.

Two brothers, Donald Merle "Snook" Simon Jr. and Maurice Lee Simon, preceded her in death.

Services are pending for Friday.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. Mccomb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the family mausoleum in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Erin's House for Grieving Children.

Brown

Evening Star, Mon., Nov. 1, 1999 (cont'd)

Judy Hostetler

LEBANON, Tenn. — Judy K. Hostetler, 44, of Lebanon and formerly of Fremont, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999, at University Medical Center, Lebanon.

Mrs. Hostetler was a homemaker.

She was born March 3, 1955, in Auburn to Wayne and Willa (Northam) Durnell. Her mother survives in Fremont.

On Oct. 4, 1975, she married Dennis E. Hostetler in Fremont. He survives in Lebanon.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brandy Hostetler of Angola; two sons, Ronald Cope of Angola and Fredrick Hostetler of Lebanon; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Vera Janie and Jim Meagher, Joann and Larry Penner, and Mary and Jack Burrell, all of Fremont; two brothers, Jerome Newbauer of Pleasant Lake, and Jon Stienbarger of Milton, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James K. Stalder officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire Department/Fire Rescue.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Ray Engle,**, 85, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Fred W. Stahlhut**, 88, died at 3:22 p.m. Saturday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Sean David Carney**, 39, died at 6:09 a.m. Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

TOPEKA — **Bob R. Mault**, 55, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Fruriip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Blake Jason Spencer**, son of David and Teresa Spencer, was stillborn Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Charles E. Lovely Sr.**, 76, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

The Evening Star, Tues., Nov. 2, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth Webb

ATLANTA, Ga. — Kenneth Dale Webb, 57, died Saturday afternoon, Oct. 30, 1999, in Fulton County Medical Center in Atlanta.

Mr. Webb was an attorney and lived in Atlanta. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Vietnam.

He was born Nov. 2, 1941, in Auburn to Verle and Florence (Snyder) Webb. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one brother, Dr. Michael K. Webb of Auburn; a niece, Deborah Lute of Martinez, Calif.; and two nephews, Jeffrey Webb of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., and Gregory Webb of Indianapolis.

A private graveside service will take place Wednesday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Therew will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Sprague

FORT WAYNE — Doris Darlene Sprague, 60, of Fort Wayne, died at 1:35 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 1999, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a six-week illness.

She was born April 29, 1939, in Ligonier to Everett and Marion (Wallace) Conrad. On Dec. 31, 1968, in Ligonier, she married Stanley Sprague. He survives.

Mrs. Sprague, a homemaker, had lived in Ligonier until 1972. She then lived in DeKalb County prior to moving to Fort Wayne three years ago.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tracy Diane Black of St. Joe; and two grandsons, Stanley Sprague and Cody Black.

Services will be at noon Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is two hours before services in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Ruth Sooy**, 87, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

A. John Schiffli

VEGUITA, N.M. — A. John Schiffli, 64, died Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, at his son's home.

He lived in Veguita, N.M., and formerly lived in Waterloo.

Mr. Schiffli was born June 23, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Adolph and Jaunita (Sanders) Schiffli. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Jeff, Gary and Gail, and John, all of New Mexico; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Betty and Donald Hamman of Waterloo and Teresa Schiffli of Garrett; nine brothers and five sisters-in-law, Max and Kay of Butler, Richard and Rose of Ashley, David and Jane of Palatine, Ill., and Bob and Donna, Don and Judy, Paul, Steve, Tom, and Mark, all of Waterloo; and four grandchildren, all of New Mexico.

One son, Greg, preceded him in death in September 1972.

A memorial mass will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. The family will receive friends in the church basement following the mass. Burial was in New Mexico.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or masses for Mr. Schiffli.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of local arrangements.

Mattie Taylor

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mattie Taylor, 76, of Wolcottville, died unexpectedly at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1999, in her residence.

She was born in Whitesburg, Ky., Feb. 10, 1923, to Robert and Rosa (Collins) Thomas. She married Tommy Taylor and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Darrell (Jo Ella) Sturgill of Carey, Ohio, Madonna Hosler of Wolcottville, and Mrs. Delbert (Sharon) Tyree of Tiffin, Ohio; three sons, Charles E. Taylor of Auburn, Robert H. Taylor of Wampum, Pa., and David Taylor of Kendallville; four sisters, Esta Mae Thomas of Tiffin, Bobby Jean Lucas of Michigan, and Ora Mason and Verna Nease, both of Whitesburg; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Shirley; four brothers; three sisters; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Turner-Engle Funeral Home in Tiffin, with the Rev. James Wyatt officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Tiffin.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of local arrangements.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Herbert W. LeCount**, 90, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

V. Woneta Hook

AUBURN — V. Woneta Hook, 100, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1999, at 12:15 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Dayspring Community Church (formerly Auburn Missionary Church).

Miss Hook was born April 26, 1899, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Charles and Louza (Mark) Hook. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her is a guardian, Jerold Fry of Garrett.

Two brothers, Ralph and Walter, and one sister, Edna Layman, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Auburn Mausoleum, with the Rev. Roy Protsman of Dayspring Community Church officiating. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Sassanella

HUDSON — Jack D. Sassanella, 65, of Hudson, died at 2:42 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Port Huron, Mich., on Jan. 30, 1934, to Joseph and Irene (Pierson) Sassanella. On Aug. 22, 1953, in Waterloo, he married Lois Swift, who survives.

Mr. Sassanella, a 1952 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School, had lived in Hudson 45 years. He retired July 1, 1998, after 41 1/2 years at Auburn Gear in Auburn. He was a member of Hudson United Methodist Church and Ashley Masonic Lodge No. 614.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra K. Sassanella of Hudson, and Joyce and John Pentico of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Faye Sassanella of Auburn, and David J. Sassanella of Indianapolis; and five grandchildren, Jeremy, Joshua, Justin and Jonathan Sassanella and David Michael Pentico.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Martin, Fred and Nathan Sassanella.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children's Home Inc.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Andrew Herczeg**, 84, of Naples, Fla., died Sept. 30. Memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Gerald Scott

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Gerald L. "Jerry" Scott, 63, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1999, at 3:10 p.m. in his home on Spencerville Street. He had been in failing health for three months.

Mr. Scott retired from International Harvester Co. in Springfield, Ohio, in 1985 after 30 1/2 years of service. He served 6 1/2 years in the National Guard.

He was born Oct. 18, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Ed and Norma (Mitchell) Scott. His mother, Norma Congleton, survives in Hicksville.

He married Marjorie Moore on June 25, 1960, in North Creek, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Deanne Lake and Jo Davis, both of Hicksville; one son, Jerald Scott of Auburn; a brother, Tony Congleton of Hicksville; a sister, Barbara Evans of Angola; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. Greg Inboden, pastor of Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Saturday after 2 p.m. and Sunday after noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

LaVeda Eddy

ANGOLA — LaVeda Lois Eddy, 74, of Angola, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999, at her daughter's home in Bryan, Ohio.

She was an inspector at Gould Manufacturing in Angola and retired in 1977. She also was a beautician at Loi Mar Beauty Shop and a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

She was born April 16, 1925, in Cassopolis, Mich., to George and Ada Kindig.

Preceding her in death on May 22, 1991, was her husband, Omar Eddy.

Surviving are a son, Robert A. Musser of Okinawa, Japan; two step-sons, Lynn Eddy of Winnoa, Texas, and Ron Eddy of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and and Gene Harris of Bryan, Ohio, Vicki and J.D. Burns of Waterloo and Anita and Faron Hubert of Portage, Mich; a step-daughter and stepson-in-law, Amy and Mike Kline of Portage, Mich.; a brother, Whitey Kindig of Michigan; and three sisters, Virgie Avery of Michigan, Berdine McKinsey of Montpelier, Ohio, and Betty Guipe of Niles, Mich.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Kenny Queener officiating.

Calling is one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to Williams County, Ohio, Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Amber Conway

BUTLER — Amber L. Conway, 18, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999, at 1:35 p.m. in a traffic accident at the junction of DeKalb County Road 61 and U.S. 6 west of Butler.

She was a senior at Eastside High School and worked at Penguin Point, Auburn. She attended Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Auburn.

Miss Conway was born Sept. 21, 1981, in Angola.

Surviving her are one son, Brysen Conway of Butler; her mother and stepfather, Angela (Conway) and Timothy Damron of Butler; her father, Frank Vacek; her guardians, Mark and Cheryl Howley of Butler; two sisters, Annie and Kayleigh Damron, both of Butler; her grandmother, Mildred Geeting of Angola; and her great-grandmother, Rosalynd Conway.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to trust funds for Brysen Conway set up at Knisely Bank in Butler and Norwest Bank in Auburn.

Jack Smolinske

ALBION — Jack D. Smolinske, 65, died Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, at 8:19 a.m. at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born May 30, 1934, in Albion to Harold V. and Freeda (Emanhiser) Smolinske. His mother survives. He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a truck driver.

Surviving are two daughters, Shelly Walbron of Rome City and Tiffany Smolinske of Avilla; five sons, Steven Smolinske of Garrett, Jim and Darold Smolinske of Albion, Travis Smolinske of Avilla and Matt Smolinske of Arizona; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

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Joyce Berry

COLUMBIA CITY — Joyce Elaine Berry, 76, of Columbia City, died of natural causes Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

She was born April 14, 1923, in Noble County to Virgil and Neoma (Harter) Weller. On Oct. 10, 1944, in Fort Wayne she married Alva Harold Berry, who preceded her in death Dec. 11, 1992.

She was reared in Noble County and lived in Fort Wayne. After Mr. Berry was discharged from the U.S. Navy, they moved to Round Lake at Tri-Lakes in 1946, where she lived until her husband's death. She moved to Columbia City in 1993. She worked for General Electric, Fort Wayne, for 18 years. She attended school in LaOtto and graduated from Auburn High School in 1941. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and the American Association of Retired Persons.

She is survived by a son, Norman J. Berry of Westminster, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl E. and Phil Rhoades of Goshen; three grandsons; a granddaughter; and a sister, Leona E. Meschberger of Columbia City.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor James A. Haugen presiding. Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Zion Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Polly J. Hedglin**, 92, of LaGrange died Friday, Nov. 5, 1999. Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, LaGrange. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Timothy V. Hinen**, 33, of Wolcottville died Friday Nov. 5, 1999, from injuries sustained in an auto accident Thursday afternoon . Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

The Evening Star, Mon., Nov. 8, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Guadalupe Chew

BUTLER — Guadalupe R. Chew, 87, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at 10:45 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Chew was born Jan. 19, 1912, in Cotulla, Texas, to Felix and Petronila (Perez) Ramirez. They preceded her in death.

She married Frank Chew Sr. on July 14, 1932, in Cotulla, and he died Oct. 19, 1979.

Surviving her are four sons, Robert of St. Joe, Frank Jr. of Merrillville, John of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jose of Auburn; three daughters, JoAnn Sechler of St. Joe, and Alicia Badger and Teresa Voirol, both of Fort Wayne; a foster son, Santana Salinas of Butler; one brother, Esquil Ramirez of San Antonio, Texas; 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Three brothers, Feliz Ramirez, Michael Ramirez and Agapito Ramirez, and two sisters, Trine Aviles and Ruperta Garcia, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Father Charles A. Herman of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A rosary service will be recited tonight at 7:30.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Ralph Lindemuth

FORT WAYNE — Ralph E. Lindemuth, 87 died at 9:31 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at his residence of six months in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne July 21, 1912. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He lived in California for 28 years and retired as a carpenter while living there. He was a member of the American Legion in California and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Garrett.

Surviving are his wife, Audrea Lindemuth, and a daughter, Cindy Halbakken, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. DuPont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Mon., Nov. 8, 1999 (cont'd)

Marilyn Haynes

BUTLER — Marilyn Houck Haynes, 74, died Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, at 3:26 p.m. in a two-car collision on State Road 1 north of Butler.

She was a homemaker and formerly worked at the John Nugen Furniture Store in Butler. She lived on County Road 16, Butler.

Mrs. Haynes was born Feb. 2, 1925, in DeKalb County.

She married Thomas I. Haynes on April 6, 1942, in Crown Point. He also died in Friday's collision.

Surviving her are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Vince Noga of Fort Wayne, Cathy and Bill Roberts of Westerville, Ohio, and April Haynes-Burritt and David Burritt of Burlington, Wis.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Dale Haynes of Fort Wayne and Thomas Haynes Jr. and Pauletta "P.J." Haynes of Waterloo; one sister, Treva Ulm of Butler; 11 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

A son, Vauhn, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Irene Gardner

HUDSON — Irene A. Gardner, 91, of Hudson, died at 7:48 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, in her residence.

She was born in Noble County, April 10, 1908, to William and Luella (Howe) Hanes. On Dec. 24, 1936, she married Carl W. Gardner. He preceded her in death April 14, 1974.

Mrs. Gardner, a lifetime Hudson and Helmer resident, was a homemaker and a painting decorator for more than 20 years. She was a member and past treasurer of Helmer United Methodist Church for 37 years and a member and past treasurer of United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a sister, Lucille Holsinger of Hudson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Raymond, Cecil and Harold Hanes; and a sister, Mae Stomm.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Eugene Stolte officiating. Burial will be in Fairfied Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospital or Helmer United Methodist Church.

Thomas Haynes

BUTLER — Thomas Ira Haynes, 78, died Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, at 3:26 p.m. in a two-car collision on State Road 1 north of Butler.

He worked for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. for 14 years, then worked for Courier Printing Co. in Grabill for 25 years, retiring in 1982. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He lived on County Road 16, Butler.

Mr. Haynes was born Dec. 10, 1920, in New Haven.

He married Marilyn Houck on April 6, 1942, in Crown Point. She also died in Friday's collision.

Surviving him are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Vince Noga of Fort Wayne, Cathy and Bill Roberts of Westerville, Ohio, and April Haynes-Burritt and David Burritt of Burlington, Wis.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Dale Haynes of Fort Wayne and Thomas Haynes Jr. and Pauletta "P.J." Haynes of Waterloo; two sisters, Madge Ault of Arizona and Marian Richardson of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

A son, Vauhn, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Eva Egolf**, 102, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Charles L. Leazier**, 74, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

HOWE — **Ila Pelfrey**, 67, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

ROME CITY — **Steven N. Holsinger**, 54, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 7-8:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Evelyn Joy Brown**, 79, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Roberta R. "Bobbie" Dennis**, 50, died Thursday. Services were today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ralph L. Kessie Sr.**, 77, died Wednesday. Graveside services were Saturday in Whitley County.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Melvin L. Eash**, 49, died Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Lavern Bontrager residence at the intersection of U.S. 20 and LaGrange C.R. 850W, Shipshewana.

Deaths/Funerals

Melissa Weldon

AUBURN — Melissa A. Weldon, 31, of Auburn, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999, in her home.

She was born in LaGrange to Robert and Jean E. Hostler Jr. They survive in LaGrange. She married Mark C. Weldon, who also survives.

Mrs. Weldon was a fifth-grade teacher at Leo Elementary School for one year and she had previously taught at Hoagland and Village Elementary schools. She was a member of Leo United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nicole C. Weldon, and a son, Tyler J. Weldon, both at home; and two brothers, Andrew C. Hostler of Goshen, and Travis C. Hostler of Kendallville.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo-Cedarville. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to the Melissa A. Weldon Reading Memorial Fund in care of Leo Elementary School or to the Weldon children.

Wayne West

AUBURN — Wayne G. West, 71, died Monday, Nov. 8, 1999, at 2:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. West was the retired owner of a tool shop. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and lived in Auburn. He was a member of American Legion Post 202, Butler.

He was born Dec. 25, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Herbert and Dorothy (Shultz) West.

He married Mary A. Love on April 15, 1961, in Butler, and she died Feb. 2, 1999.

Surviving him are six sons, Wayne D. West of Hudson, and Mark A. West, Terry B. West, Jerry W. West, Rick L. West and Mickeal Antrup, all of Auburn; one daughter, Marsha Wrightstone of Butler; two brothers, Herbert of Tennessee and Robert of Garrett; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services and military rites will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Butler Cemetery, with the Rev. Jim Otis officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 202.

Scott Cromwell

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Scott L. Cromwell, 47, died on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999, at his home, apparently suffering a heart attack while working in his yard.

Mr. Cromwell worked at Dietrich Industries in Hicksville for the past 17 years. He was a past member of the U.S. Army Reserve. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1969 and from Bowling Green State University in 1973. He was a member of Hicksville Eagles Lodge and Hicksville Country Club.

He was born Nov. 26, 1951, in Hicksville to Waldo and Vivian (McKinley) Cromwell. They preceded him in death.

He married Christine Sholl on Feb. 22, 1991, in Bryan, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Tiffany Cromwell of Hicksville; two stepdaughters, Jennifer Hug of Hicksville and Heather Hug of Ayersville, Ohio; two stepsons, Steve Hug and Adam Hug, both of Hicksville, one sister, Mary Jane Kreakie of Hicksville; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Stevie Boon, and one brother, Mike Cromwell.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. Pentti Maki, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and Wednesday after 8 a.m. in the funeral home. The Hicksville Eagles Lodge will conduct a service tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities selected by the donors.

Max Baker

HAMILTON — Max C. Baker, 77, died Monday, Nov. 8, 1999, at 9:56 a.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Baker was a machinist for Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo, retiring in 1988 with 25 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He lived on Hamilton Lake and was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club and the Waterloo post of Veterans fo Foreign Wars.

He was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Hamilton to Virgil and Artie (Beard) Baker.

He married Gertrude Harris on June 22, 1046, in Butler. She died March 25, 1993.

Surviving him are three sons, Marvin of Hamilton, Stephen of Kendallville and Denny of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Kalene Nichols of Harlan, Connie Dietrich of Hamilton, Joann Baker of Lafayette, Tenn., and Cindy Yarde of Rockwood, Tenn.; four brothers, Keith of Waterloo, Van of Albion, and Dean and Larry, both of Hamilton; three sisters, Mary Ellen Bratmiller of New Haven, Betty Akers of Hamilton, and Sue Maxson of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and a companion, Phyllis Swank.

Three sisters, Mildred Bressler, Ruth Sutton and June Robinett, preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities selected by the donors.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Wallace Terry**, 65, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Five Corners Baptist Church, north of Wolcottville. Calling 6-8 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Doster

ALTONA — Robert Junior "Al" Doster, 81, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1999, at 1:15 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Doster was a fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at the end of his 33-year career. He was a lifelong resident of Altona. He raised the children of his sister, Charity Ann Harris.

He was born Jan. 5, 1918, in Altona to Haywood and Dovie Mae (Thompson) Doster. They preceded him in death.

He married Hazel E. Headley Gerry on Oct. 23, 1967, in Reading, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are a nephew, Leslie "Duke" Harper of Norwalk, Ohio; a stepson, James Gerry of Edgerton, Ohio; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Carole and Bob Bunting of Edgerton; a sister, Mary Belle Andrews of Altona; a brother, Royal Doster of Willard, Ohio; two stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

A niece, "Muff" Harris, and a sister, Charity Ann Harris, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charities of the donors' choice.

Alma Christen

ANGOLA — Alma C. Christen, 82, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 8, 1999, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Christen, a homemaker, was a member of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

She was born Sept. 30, 1917, in Detroit to Frederick and Francis (Mellon) Berninger.

On April 16, 1942, she married Hugh Christen, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Glenn of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Robert of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Day Reynolds of Marshall, Ill., and Lynne Ufer of St. Charles, Ill.; two brothers, Elmer Berninger of San Diego, and Kenneth Berninger of Florida; a sister, Esther Jamnik of Waterford, Mich.; and nine grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Father Fred Pasche will officiate.

Calling is from 1-5 p.m. Thursday, with a 4:30 p.m. prayer service, at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association.

John Kirkpatrick Jr.

ALBION — John "Butch" Kirkpatrick Jr., 56, of near Albion, died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, 1999, at his residence.

He was born in Wolf Lake May 2, 1943, to John Kirkpatrick Sr. and Willodean (Gaff) Kirkpatrick. His mother survives in Churubusco. On Nov. 9, 1963, in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, he married Cathy Weber. She also survives.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, a lifetime resident of the Albion and Churubusco area, was employed by Dana Spicer Axle Division

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tony and Tricia Kirkpatrick of Albion, and Troy Kirkpatrick, at home; a daughter, Kerri Kirkpatrick of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Colton Kirkpatrick and Jordon Hopkins; three brothers, Jack Kirkpatrick of Auburn, Larry Kirkpatrick of Garrett and Dick Kirkpatrick of Rome City; and two sisters, Pam Whonsetler of LaOtto, and Liadia Demaree of Churubusco.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Barry Faucett officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice of Whitley County.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Burl Ed[illegible]igler**, 65, died Sunday. [illegible] 11 a.m. Friday in Gar-[illegible]uneral Home, Muncie, [illegible] 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. [illegible]e hour before serv-

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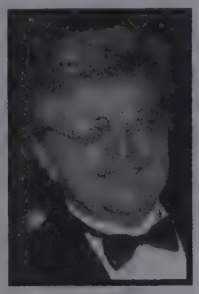
Deaths/Funerals

Theodore Smith

AUBURN — Theodore E. Smith, 59, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at 11:30 p.m. in his home on East Sixth Street, Auburn.



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Mr. Smith was a machinist at Auburn Gear for over 30 years. He lived in Garrett before moving to Auburn in 1971, and also had lived at Hamilton Lake. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Auburn Moose Lodge, Garrett post of the American Legion, Hamilton Fish & Game Club and St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born June 4, 1940, in Kendallville to Lauren J. and Phyllis V. (Renkenberger) Smith. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Rick Kingensmith of Chicago and Eric Smith of Garrett; one daughter, Amy Crozier of Garrett; two brothers, Jerry D. of Hamilton and Thomas L. of Howe; and two sisters, Nancy V. Lantz of Garrett and Patsy J. McDermott of Huntington.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wee Haven or Shelter Ministries.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Delois "Bus" Lung**, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich., with calling there 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Max Heintzelman**, 74, died at 6:08 p.m. Wednesday. Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

LAGRANGE — **Orpha T. Bontrager**, 75, died Tuesday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the family home, 0420S — 300W, LaGrange, with calling there after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

George Breese

FREMONT — George D. Breese, 60, of Fremont, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 1999, at his home.

Mr. Breese was maintenance worker for the Indiana Toll Road and retired on June 30, 1999, after 28 years of service. He had lived in Fremont since 1968 after moving from Michigan.

He was born Dec. 24, 1938, in Morenci, Mich., to Lewis and Hazel (Zuvers) Breese.

On June 5, 1959, he married Virginia (Spencer) Breese, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Deborah McFall of Rapids City, Mich., and Kathryn Surfus of Fremont; two sisters, Roxie Apger of Morenci and Patricia Williams of Waldron, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Little Britches Rodeo Association of Michigan.

Beverly Fox

ANGOLA — Beverly A. Fox, 68, of Angola, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999, at her home after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Fox, a homemaker, lived in Angola for 10 years after moving from Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Steuben County Women's Club, the Bridge Club and the Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary and was a bowler.

She was born Dec. 12, 1930, in Jamestown, N.Y., to Glen and Margaret (Thomas) Saxton.

On May 27, 1950, she married Alton Fox, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Patty Fox of Tijeras, N.M., and Ricky and Tau Fox of Reading, Pa.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rene and Bernard Manker of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Robi and Randy Hyman of Muncie; two sisters, Barbara Nicoloff of East Aurora, N.Y., and Nancy MacLean of San Miguel, Mexico; and 14 grandchildren.

Services are pending. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Ursula Wiltrout

ELKHART — Ursula L. Wiltrout, 99, of Elkhart, died at 10:31 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999, in her residence.

She was born April 24, 1900, in Noble County to John and Elizabeth (Johnson) Schenher. On Oct. 22, 1921, in Kendallville, she married Victor R. Wiltrout. He preceded her in death July 31, 1964.

Mrs. Wiltrout, a homemaker, was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and its rosary society.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. William (Evelyn) Menges of Leo; a daughter-in-law, Virginia Wiltrout of Edwardsburg, Mich.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Paul M. Wiltrout; six sisters and six brothers.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Elkhart, with the Rev. Thomas Ryan officiating. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, Elkhart.

Memorials are to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church or to the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Axtell

AUBURN — Mary A. Axtell, 76, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, at 10:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She and her husband owned the Town Tavern in Auburn from 1961 to 1970. She then worked at United Technologies in Auburn, retiring in 1985. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and the Auburn Moose Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Axtell was born Aug. 31, 1923, in Hamilton to Frank and Neva (Little) Stoy.

She married E.M. "Bud" Axtell on Jan. 31, 1942, in Indianapolis, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Kalene and Richard Hamman of Auburn, Theresa and Rodney Guinn of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Mary Jeanne and Wesley Warstler, also of Auburn; nine grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Father Charles Herman will officiate, with burial in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, DeKalb Memorial Hospice, or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Harold Van Dyne

ANGOLA — Harold Wayne Van Dyne, 86, of Angola, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, at the Veterans Administration hospital in Marion.

Mr. Van Dyne was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He worked as a truck driver for Youngstown Cartage and was a member of the Ashley Church of God and the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 6, 1913, in Pleasant Lake to William and Margaret (Boner) Kugler. He was raised by Emmett and Isel Van Dyne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Marie (Hardesty) Van Dyne. on May 20, 1999.

Surviving are three sons, John Wayne Van Dyne of Marble, N.C., Ronald Lee Van Dyne of Angola, and Roger Dean Van Dyne of Homosassa Springs, Fla.; one brother, Ray Snow of Inverness, Fla.; one sister, Eva Watson of Louisville, Ky.; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a grandson, Greg Van Dyne, in 1997; a brother, Jerry Kugler, and a sister, Opal Halderman.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Dean Snyder officiating.

Memorials are to Angola VFW and the Alzheimer's Support Group of Steuben County.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Myra V. Hall**, 79, of LaGrange, died Friday. Services are Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the First Church of God in LaGrange. Calling is Monday from 9:30 a.m. to the time of the service at the church. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery in Fountain City, Ind.

LAGRANGE — **Darian Nicole Kaye Bailey** died at birth Thursday. Services are today at 4 p.m. at the LaGrange Baptist Church in LaGrange. Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. today at the church. Burial is in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Deaths/Funerals

Iva Ball

HAMILTON — Iva Lenore Ball, 79, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999 at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Ball was a homemaker and worked at Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler for 16 years. She worked for Modernair (ARO) in Angola, retiring in 1984. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born April 8, 1920, in Allen County, Ohio, to William Frederick and Ora Birdie (Heath) Zimmer.

She married Frederick F. Ball on April 17, 1938, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry W. and Maureen Ball of Hamilton, and Larry K. and Cecilia Ball of Angola; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary L. and Rick Kolczynski of Hamilton, two sisters, Jean Moritz and Rosa Bowsher, both of Lima, Ohio; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Frederick William Zimmer, and three sisters, Dorothy Moser, Ruth Kinstle and Lucille Bowsher, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Elder Tom Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Edward Nast Jr.

ANGOLA — Edward W. Nast Jr., 19, of Angola, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Nast was a laborer in the construction industry. His hobbies included hunting and the outdoors.

He was born Dec. 27, 1979, in Angola to Edward W. Nast Sr. and Bonnie (Beaty) Nast, who survive at home.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Laura Spencer of Bryan, Ohio, and Angie and Shane Dirr of Angola; and his maternal grandmother, Norma Beaty.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Darold L. Beck officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donors' choice.

Opal Clendenning

MULBERRY — Opal J. Clendenning, 91, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999 at 5:40 a.m. in Mulberry Nursing Home.

She graduated from Mulberry High School in 1927 and from Indiana University School of Nursing in 1930. She was a head nurse for 6 1/2 years at the Indianapolis Orphans Home. She was a nurse for a Dr. Hippensteel in Indianapolis and worked for a private school, Meridian Heights, in Indianapolis. She was a Red Cross volunteer for three years during World War II. She also did volunteer neighborhood care.

Mrs. Clendenning was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Mulberry, where she was a past council member, held various church offices, was a Sunday School teacher and was a member of WELCA. She was a former member of St. John Lutheran Church.

She organized the Mulberry Garden Club in 1956, serving as its first member and remaining an active charter member. She was a Girl Scout leader for 10 years and was a member of the Home Study Circle. She enjoyed genealogy and correspondence with friends.

She was born July 6, 1908, in Pyrmont and moved to Mulberry, in northwestern Clinton County, in 1921.

She married John J. Clendenning on May 10, 1935, in First English Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. He died in October 1990.

Surviving are a son, Richard J. of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dr. James Brown of Angola; a sister, Thelma Olson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; five grandsons, two great-grandchildren, a cousin, Delores Sanger of Litchfield, Mich.; four nephews and one niece; and a friend, Velma Rothenberger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Russell and Lawrence Reichart, a great-grandson, a nephew and a niece.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Mulberry, with calling after noon. Pastor Scott Meier will officiate, with burial in Fairhaven Cemetery, Mulberry.

Memorials are to the Gloria Dei organ fund.

Sollenbaker Funeral Homes Inc., Lafayette, is in charge of arrangements.

George Ray Sr.

FREMONT — George Clinton Ray Sr., 81, of Angola, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ray worked as a security guard with Pinkerton Security Services. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 and a past commander, and a member of the Orland post of the American Legion.

He was born July 8, 1918, in Gem, Idaho, to Benjamin and Dora Mae (Goldsmith) Ray.

In 1947, he married Martha J. Silvers, who survives at home.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Georgienne and Donald Westrick of Defiance, Ohio, Patricia Ray of Defiance, Barbara and Dan Kneisley of Defiance, Shirley and Dan Milliman of Fremont, and Tamera and Scott Buckley of Houston; a stepdaughter, Judy Butler of Fort Wayne; four sons Roger, George C. Jr., Kevin and Michael Ray of Fremont; two stepsons, James Carter of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Jack Carter of Bradley, Ill.; 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Military rites by Angola VFW Post 7205 will follow.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home .

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola.

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Brian Stairhime

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Brian D. Stairhime, 34, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999, in an early-morning auto accident at State Route 249 and 49 north of Hicksville.

He was employed by Group Dekko in Butler for the past 10 years and had worked at Gorrell Hardware in Hicksville for several years. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1983. He lived on East High Street in Hicksville.

Mr. Stairhime was born Jan. 29, 1965, in Fort Wayne to Kenton and Betty (Cottrell) Stairhime. They survive in Hicksville.

Also surviving him are one sister, Michelle Stairhime of the Virgin Islands; four brothers, Brad, Brent and Matt, all of Hicksville, and Ryan of Hawaii; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Stairhime of Hicksville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Minister Lloyd Turnbull of the Milford Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind.

Calling is tonight after 7 and Tuesday after 9 a.m. in the funeral home.

Hilda Leighty

KENDALLVILLE — Hilda L. Leighty, 79, of Kendallville, died at 4:30 a.m. today, Nov. 15, 1999, in Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had resided the past year. She had been seriously ill the past two weeks.

She was born in DeKalb County Aug. 24, 1920, to Henry A. and Clara E. (Hovarter) Gardner. On Jan. 21, 1949, in Angola, she married Wayne W. Leighty. He preceded her in death in September 1986.

A lifetime area resident, Mrs. Leighty was a homemaker and a lifetime member of McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Doloris R. and Willis Peachy of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Sacred Heart Home, or the American Diabetes Association.

Helen Blain

EAST GILEAD, Mich. — Helen M. Blain, 88, of East Gilead, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999, at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Blain was a homemaker. She was born Dec. 18, 1910, in East Gilead to L.S. and Mary L. (Lawrence) Davis.

On Oct. 11, 1933, in LaGrange, she married Elmer Blain, who preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 1998.

Surviving are four daughters and four sons-in-law, Barbara and Max Bucklin of Bronson, Mich., Charlotte and Ken Duncan of Bronson, Janice and Duane Baranouski of Coldwater, Mich., and Judy and Mike Hurley of Battle Creek, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Raymond King of Sturgis, Mich.; and 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Erwin officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bethel Gilead Community Church, Bronson.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **James R. Mueller**, 64, died Friday. Services at noon Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ovid M. Powers**, 82, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

LIGONIER — **Herbert S. Rosenogle**, 70, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Sarah A. "Salley"**
, 73, died Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial is pending for Wednesday. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Tom Mungovan & Sons, 2221 S. Calhoun St.

Margaret Refner

BRIMFIELD — Margaret A. Refner, 70, of Brimfield, died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999, in her residence.

She was born March 23, 1929, in Kendallville to William and Lillian (Stewart) Eminger. On Aug. 19, 1967, in Brimfield, she married Robert G. Refner. He preceded her in death Jan. 18, 1994.

Mrs. Refner, a lifetime area resident, was a homemaker and member of Brimfield United Methodist Church and many of its organizations.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy J. and Larry Adair and Kimberly K. and Bobby Ritchie, all of Brimfield; two sons and daughters-in-law, Leonard E. "Buzz" and Becky Smith of Avilla, and Edward A. "Pork" and Shelly Waldron of Rome City; a sister, Gaynell Cary of Stroh; seven grandchildren, Sarah Hartman, Trent Smith, Tammy Long, Melissa Schuman, Chad Hoover, Carmen Smith and Jeremy Ritchie; and eight great-grandchildren, Aubrey Smith, Weslee Smith, Zhane Smith, Michaela Hartman, Nathanial Hartman, Evan Schuman, Caleb Long and Chloe Long.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Eminger; and a granddaughter, Jessica Ritchie.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brimfield United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike Neff officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Deaths/Funerals

Alice Norris

AUBURN — Alice E. Norris, 85, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at 5 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. She had been a patient for 2 1/2 weeks.

Mrs. Norris retired in the early 1980s from Montgomery Ward, where she had worked for 15 years. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville, where she was the church secretary and played the organ for many years. She lived in rural Spencerville for over 40 years before moving to Auburn in February 1990. She enjoyed reading and birdwatching.

Norris

She was born Oct. 25, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Martha (Weinmann) Knoll.

She married Kenneth Edward Norris on July 31, 1943, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 7, 1973.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Cathleen Norris of St. Joe; one daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Steve Brock of Auburn; four grandchildren, Brad Brock, Kerry Carmack, Vicki Holman and Jody Puffinberger, and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Robert and George, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Row officating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Harry Gilbert

OXNARD, Calif. — Harry L. Gilbert, 91, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 1999, in Covenant Care Home in Oxnard.

Mr. Gilbert was a painting contractor and served in a construction battalion in World War II. He had lived in Oxnard since 1945.

He was born March 9, 1908, in Pleasant Lake to Shirley and Nettie (Deller) Gilbert. They preceded him in death.

He married Hester Ruppert in 1942 in Harlan, and she also preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one brother, Ned Gilbert of Auburn; one sister, Martha Tuttle of Fort Wayne; two nieces, Linda Devore of Lansing, Mich., and Janet Remus of St. John's Mich.; and one nephew, James Gilbert of St. Petersburg, Fla.

One sister, Lilah Gilbert, and three brothers, Lloyd, John and Ross Gilbert, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, with the Rev. Hugh Rohroer officiating. There will be no calling.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

William Sutton

ANGOLA — William Conrad Sutton, 85, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999, at 5:55 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sutton was an electrician at Thomas Electric. He was assistant chief in the Angola Fire Department for 25 years, and served on the Sheriff's Reserve for 25 years. He lived in Angola and was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge 236, F.& A.M.

He was born in Detroit. His wife, Helen, preceded him in death in 1957.

Surviving him are two sons, Edward Sutton of Glendale, Wis., and Bradley Sutton of Bolingbrook, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. There will be no calling.

Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Charles A. Bloom**, 70, died Sunday. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Alexis Stempien

WATERLOO — Alexis Brianne Stempien, 22 months, of Waterloo, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She enjoyed kittens and dancing.

She was born Jan. 1, 1998, in Coldwater, Mich., to Jesse J. Royal of Butler and Sara E. Stempien of Waterloo, who survive her.

Also surviving are her maternal grandparents, Marcia Carpenter of Athens, Mich., and Joseph H. Stempien of Fremont; her paternal grandparents, JoAnn Royal of Osborn, Ala., and James Andrew Royal of Butler; her maternal great-grandparents, Joseph R. Stempien of Coldwater, Mich., and Raymond and Donna Esterline of Coldwater, Mich.; her paternal great-grandparents, Leroy McClellon of Ashley and Mary Kline of Michigan.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lester Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to the family.

Harold Powers

ANGOLA — Harold R. "Monk" Powers, 90, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He retired from the Tri-State University maintenance department in 1973. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

He was born April 10, 1909, in York Township, Steuben County, to Elmo and Edith Estella (Fox) Powers.

Surviving are a sister, Keitha Pence of Saginaw, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; and a friend, Ora Stackhouse of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Georgia Dayhuff; and one half-sister, Mabel Stevenson.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Powers Cemetery, with a chaplain from Angola American Legion Post 31 officiating.

Burial will be in Powers Cemetery.

Memorials are to Angola American Legion Post 31.

Sharon Custer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Sharon Custer, 44, died of cancer Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999, in Home of Hope at Grand Rapids.

She was born May 19, 1955, in Garrett.

Surviving her are three daughters, Tanya Livergood, address unknown, and Sara and Shanna Krupp, both of Grand Rapids; her mother, Maxine Franks of Garrett; two sisters, Bonnie Morton of Kendallville and Connie Custer of Ashley; and two brothers, Daniel Custer of Fort Wayne and Larry Custer of Garrett.

A brother, Gregory W. Custer II, preceded her in death in 1990.

Services will take place Thursday in Grand Rapids.

Deaths/Funerals

Wilma Hoffer

BUTLER — Wilma R. Hoffer, 82, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 5:08 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Hoffer was a retail clerk and lived in Butler. She was a member of the Ener-Jets Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born Oct. 17, 1917, in Columbia City to Harry and Bessie (Baker) Fuller. They preceded her in death.

She married James A. Hoffer on Sept. 10, 1938, in Spencerville. He died April 9, 1969.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Ed Shilling of Spencerville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Kathy Hoffer of West Haven, Conn., and Jack and Doris Hoffer of Bluffton; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Glenn Fuller and Lawrence Fuller, and two sisters, Lois Linn and Maxine Souder, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Mabel Souder

AUBURN — Mabel F. Souder, 90, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, at 2 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Souder was a former employee of the Auburn Federal Savings and Loan Co. She formerly lived on County Road 35, Auburn, and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born Aug. 1, 1909, in Auburn to Charles and Lydia (Feller) Bartels.

She married Jim Souder on June 7, 1957, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, James A. Souder of Garrett; one stepdaughter, Barbara Workman of Oceanside, Calif.; one sister-in-law, June Bartels of Noblesville; eight stepgrandchildren, nine stepgreat-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters, Helen Bartels and Ruth Bartels, and one brother, Franklin Bartels, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 1-5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Louie Fraley

HAMILTON — Louie Edgar Fraley, 63, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999, in Doctor's Hospital at Jackson, Mich.

Mr. Fraley worked at Tri-Wall Containers in Butler. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during peacetime, and was a member of Butler's American Legion Post 202.

He was born Sept. 23, 1936, in Richland Township, rural Hamilton, to Rollie and Martha (Legge) Fraley. His mother survives in Hamilton and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are four sons, Ronald of Blairstown, N.J., Martin of Hudson, Anthony of Waterloo, and Louie II of Angola; two daughters, Jeanne Kelly of Fremont and Cathy McKnight of Warsaw, four sisters, Clara Musser of Sylvania, Ohio, Martha Sallows of South Bend, Joyce Ice of Angola and Jan Myers of Hamilton, four brothers, Thomas and Deloy, both of Hamilton, Rolland of Ashley, and Eugene of Wells, Austria; and 12 grandchildren.

A brother, George, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Beverly Jo Pulley**, 61, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Harold Rude

ORLAND — Harold L. Rude, 93, of Orland, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rude was a farmer. He lived in Orland all his life and was a member of the Farm Bureau and Prairie Farmer Association.

He was born Feb. 1, 1906, to Lester C. and Jennie (German) Rude.

He was married to Myrtle (Zimmerman) Rude, who survives in Orland.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Rude of Orland; three daughters, Beverly Van Wagner of Willow Springs, Ill., Barbara Henderson of Orland, and Bonnie Henderson of Orland; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Esther Warring and Violet Rude.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Gene S. Gaerte**, 67, died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — **Marjorie E. Haskins**, 79, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services.

The Evening Star, Sat., Nov. 20, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

C.E. Miller, former Garrett mayor

GARRETT — Former Garrett Mayor C.E. Miller, 95, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999, at 11:53 am. in Milwaukee, Wis.

He was a lifelong Garrett resident at 612 S. Franklin St. until moving to Menomonee Falls, Wis., seven years ago.

Miller

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery with Pastor William Haworth officiating.

The family will meet friends following the service from 4-5 p.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Miller served as Garrett's mayor for one term, from 1965-69. He was a Garrett city councilman for six terms, first serving in 1941. He was very active in the Democratic Party and served on every major committee in city government. He also served on and was a former president of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Board. He served on the DeKalb County Tax Adjustment Board in the 1970s.

An avid supporter of the Garrett community, Mr. Miller was active in the Garrett Presbyterian Church, serving on the board of trustees for many years, and was chairman of the building committee when the educational unit was constructed. He also served as a director of the Morrill Foundation.

He and his wife, Helen, were Centennial King and Queen in 1975 when Garrett celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Mr. Miller, who was affectionately called "Cy" by most of his friends, was born March 22, 1904. His parents were Agnes (Emig) and A.P. Miller.

He and Helen Burlingame were married June 20, 1929, at the Garrett Presbyterian Church. She survives in Menomonee Falls.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Adele and Tom Rebman of Menomonee Falls; and two grandchildren, Abigail Meyers of Madison, Wis., and Andrew Rebman of Medinah, Ill.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, R.G. Miller, R.C. Miller and O.P. Miller.

Mr. Miller retired in March 1969, after 54 years in the printing business. When he was 11 years old, he became a janitor at The Garrett Clipper and then became a printer's devil to learn the printing trade. Upon graduation from Garrett High School in 1922, he immediately went to work full-time at The Clipper. In 1928, he became shop foreman, a position he held until 1957 when he and Johnny Johnston became partners at The Waterloo Press. After two years they sold the business and he set up Miller's Typesetting business at the rear of his home, where he worked until his retirement in 1969.

Cy and Helen Miller remained active after his retirement from business and politics. They were avid antique collectors and very proud of their collection of clocks. He was a member of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors for over 20 years. They also were well-known for their furniture refinishing business. They continued both hobbies until their move to Wisconsin to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren.

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Area Deaths

ALBION — **Gene S. Gaerte**, 67, died Thursday. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Blue River Church of the Brethren. Calling is at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the service.

KENDALLVILLE — **Zella Mae Sparkman**, 68, died Friday. Services Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church at Lisbon. Calling 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, and after noon Monday at the church, with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Berniece Sipe

AUBURN — Berniece R. Sipe, 89, died Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at 10:10 p.m.

Mrs. Sipe worked at County Line Cheese Co. for four years. She lived in Auburn and was a graduate of Auburn High School. She was a member of the Auburn Moose lodge and Garrett Eagles lodge, and a former member of the Order of Eastern Star in Garrett.

She was born Dec. 3, 1909, in DeKalb County to Frank and Martha (Myers) Dove.

Her first husband, Dale Manges, preceded her in death. She married Carl Sipe on July 14, 1978, in Newville, and he also preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Eldon and Margaret Manges of Corunna; one daughter, Jeanne Shaw of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Cherri Manges of Wisconsin, and Dale Manges, Matt Shaw and Nathan Shaw, all of Auburn.

One brother, Russell Dove, preceded her in death.

Services were conducted today at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial was in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Hazel Thomas

NEW HAVEN — Hazel D. Thomas, 68, died Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1992 after 10 years as a clerk and secretary for the Steuben County surveyor's office. She lived in Angola for 35 years and was a member of the Moose Auxiliary in Angola.

She was born Sept. 30, 1931 in Springfield Township, near Harlan.

Surviving are her husband, Lloyd Thomas; two daughters, Kathy Downard of Toledo, Ohio, and Karen Ball of Fort Wayne; three sons, Michael of Fort Wayne, Rick of Hartville, Ohio, and Ken of Ashley; seven sisters, Ruth Ard of Howe Hills, Fla., Anna Mae Adams of Newton, Kan., Rose Battenberg of Santa Rosa, Calif., Elsie Love of Harlan, Betty Neley of Jasup, Iowa, Alberta Lindaberry of Waterloo, and Mary Brown of Garrett; three brothers, John Leavell of Fort Wayne, Fred Leavell of Hicksville, Ohio, and Carl Leavell of Waterloo, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A grandson preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Dorothy Porter

FREMONT — Dorothy Jean Porter, 68, died Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She worked at Aunt Mary's Yarn Shop in Fremont, and lived in Fremont.

Mrs. Porter was born Dec. 23, 1931, in Dayton, Ohio, to Delmar and A. Irene (Dakin) McConnell.

Her husband, Thomas J. Porter, preceded her in death on May 21, 1998.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Kellianne and James Swary of Fremont; a son, Kurt Porter of Cincinnati, Ohio; four stepsons and their wives, Bob and Patty Porter of Nichols, N.Y., Mike and Becky Porter of Margaretville, N.Y., and Rick and Sarah Porter of Denver, N.Y., and David and Elaine Porter of Delhi, N.Y.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Mary Jean and Ed Scudder of Mohawk, N.Y.; one sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Bob Eckley of Lombard, Ill.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Del and Peggy McConnell of Centerville, Ohio, and Bill and Josie McConnell of Perrysburg, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and nine nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Donald Rauhut officiating. Burial was to be in the Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Death

LAGRANGE — **Ismael Olvera**, 72, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Carol Snyder

AUBURN — Carol R. Snyder, 60, died Monday, Nov. 22, 1999, at her Auburn home.

Mrs. Snyder was a beauty operator for 40 years and worked at Waterbed Heaven in Auburn for 12 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn, the Rebekah and Auburn Moose lodges, and was a life member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club.

She was born March 23, 1939, in Avilla to Walter L. and Martha E. (Keck) Greenwood.

She married John Snyder on Dec. 26, 1987, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jeffry D. Barnes of Pleasant Lake, and Richard L. and Lisa Barnes of Angola; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth E. and Paris L. Hasty of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Gina and Todd Dickson of Augusta, Ga.; two sisters, Sharon M. Ely of Pioneer, Ohio, and Dianne E. Campbell of Wabash; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One daughter, R. Jean Platter, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Dr. Richard Moore, pastor of First Christian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Vista Care Hospice and the church.

Earl Householder

FORT WAYNE — Earl W. Householder, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999, at 8:17 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1983 as an area sales manager from Texaco Oil Co. He currently was a sales representative for Newton Manufacturing Co. He formerly co-owned the Lake Gage Trading Post with his brother. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church, Auburn Elks Lodge 1978, American Legion Post 499, and the Fort Wayne Downtown Optimist Club. He was honored by the Indiana State Senate in 1997, and twice honored as Elk and Optimist of the year. He was chairman of the Indiana State Police Respect for the Law Camp.

He was known at his church as the "Candy Man" and had played Santa Claus for Fort Wayne area children for the last 20 years.

Mr. Householder was born June 12, 1921, in Beaver Falls, Pa., to Vernel E. and Amey (Brown) Householder.

He married Marie E. Penix, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Gregory C. Householder of Fort Wayne, and one brother, Harold "Red" Householder of Angola.

A sister, June Steward, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road. The Rev. Curtis Sylvester and Linda Martin will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday after 9:30 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Kevin Noles

ANGOLA — Kevin R. Noles, 36, of Angola, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999, at Lake James. He had been an Angola resident for the past eight years.

A former Muncie resident, he attended Wapahani High School and served in the U.S. Army in the 1980s. He owned and operated Noles Plumbing and Electrical and was a member of the Angola Elks Lodge.

Surviving are two sons, Gabriel and Grayson Noles of Princeton, Minn.; his mother, Marvilla Noles of Pendleton; a fiancée, Shelly Anglin of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Libby and Ed Petro of Muncie and Debbie and Terry Bumbalough of Redkey; two brothers, Greg Noles and his fianceé, Teresa, of Edgewood, Fla., and Randy Noles and his wife, Libby, of Portland; his grandmother, Pauline Holeman of Selma; a nephew; seven nieces; eight great-nieces and nephews and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Virgil G. Holeman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Meeks Mortuary Chapel, 415 E. Washington St., Muncie. Burial will follow in Tomlinson Cemetery.

Calling is from 6-9 tonight at the Meeks Mortuary.

Memorials are to Gabriel and Grayson Noles through the First Merchants Bank, 200 E. Jackson St., Muncie, 47305.

Raymond Spaulding

ANGOLA — Raymond Eugene Spaulding, 56, of Lake James, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Spaulding worked as a machinist for Dupage Due Casting of Indiana for 25 years and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born July 21, 1943, in Angola to William Joseph and Vera (Cox) Spaulding. He married Maria Moreno, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Raymond Spaulding Jr. of Coldwater, Mich., and Ronald Alan Spaulding of Angola; three daughters, Tina Seevers of Butler and Barbara Spaulding and Ann Carrillo, both of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and a sister, Anita Wilmoth of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 3-5 and 6-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Bradley

GARRETT — Donald Bradley, 75, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999, at his daughter's home in Cecil, Ohio.

Mr. Bradley was a former supervisor at Bauman-Harnish of Garrett. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born Oct. 10, 1924, in Dunbar, Pa., to Harry and Emma (Mason) Bradley.

He married LaVon G. (Kester) Bradley on July 23, 1970, in Michigan. She died Aug. 31, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond of Fishers and Robert of Pennsylvania; two daughters, Deborah Woodard of Cecil, Ohio, and Margaret Murray of Pennsylvania; two stepdaughters, June Dickson of Auburn and Virginia Haas of Garrett; six grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren

Three brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Paulding Hospice.

Agnes Hinsey

AUBURN — Services for Agnes O. Hinsey, 95, will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling at the church after 9:30 a.m.

Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will take place tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or masses.

Mrs. Hinsey died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999, at 1 a.m. in her Angola home.

Theresa Eberly

ANGOLA — Theresa N. Eberly, 85, of Angola, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Eberly was a homemaker. She moved to Angola in 1984 from Williams County, Ohio.

She retired in 1976 from J.J. Newberry Department Store in Bryan, Ohio, where she was manager of the lunch counter. She was a member of the West Congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Fremont.

She was born Nov. 25, 1914, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Alvin Elsworth and Laura Elva (Linebrink) FitzGerald.

On Feb. 27, 1935, she married Loyal H. Eberly in Albion. He preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1990.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Janice and Richard Hankey of Butler, Joyce Linn of Kendallville, and Joanne and Harold Foulk of Fremont; a sister, LaVera FitzGerald of Defiance, Ohio; a grandson, Jeremy Linn of Kendallville; and a great-granddaughter, Brittany N. Linn of Kendallville.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Donald Max Houser officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery, Jefferson Township,

Elsie Gulick

ANGOLA — Elsie Louise Gulick, 74, of Angola, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Gulick, a homemaker, was born June 12, 1925, in Toms River, N.J.

Surviving are three sons, Irv of Camden, Mich., Robert C. of Fort Wayne, and William V. of Angola; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Augustus Irving Gulick Sr., on Sept. 16, 1987, and a grandson, Kyle Carpenter.

Services were today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Greg Essex officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Carlin Park Health Care Center, 516 N. Williams St., Angola.

Joseph Ralston

GENEVA — Joseph R. "Joe" Ralston, 82, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999, at 7 p.m. in his home at Geneva.

Mr. Ralston worked for Kenosha Auto Transport and Indian Head Trucking Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1974. He was a member of Teamsters Local 414.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6751 at Geneva and the American Legion post at Berne.

He was born Sept. 10, 1917, in Wabash Township, near Geneva, to Vernon Smith Ralston Sr. and Mable J. (Cook) Ralston.

He is survived by three brothers, William D. of Pleasant Lake, Robert C. of Geneva and David P. of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

Three sisters and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Downing Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery, Geneva, with military graveside services conducted by the VFW and American Legion posts.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donors' choice.

Bryan, Ohio.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the West Congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Fremont.

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Gerald Thompson

FORT WAYNE — Gerald "Jerry" Thompson, 73, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999, in Huntington Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Allen County on Feb. 27, 1926, to Harry and Ruth (Hartley) Thompson. He married Betty J. Shockey, who survives.

He retired from Zollner Corp. in 1974 after 40 years.

He was a member of the Quarter Century Club of Zollner Corp., the Miami Valley Coin and Relics Hunters Club, Fort Wayne Historical Society, and the Federation of Metal Detectors and Archeological Clubs.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda L. Koger of Columbia City and Karen S. Fredrick of Wolcottville; two sons, Gary L. Thompson and David H. Thompson, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Margaret Harmeyer of Fort Wayne and Naomi Hanes of Auburn; one brother, George Wayne Thompson of New Haven; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling there from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Historical Society.

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Deaths/Funerals

Charlene Hale

FREMONT — Charlene F. Hale, 60, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hale was a school teacher at Northwest Allen County Schools for 25 years, and enjoyed crafts and flowers.

She was born Jan. 31, 1939 in Warsaw to Charles and Jeanethelon (Moeller) Purner. She married Richard W. Hale Feb. 7, 1959, in Fort Wayne, and he survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeffrey Hale of Sarasota, Fla., Timothy Hale of Las Vegas, Nev., and Douglas Hale of Indianapolis; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

William Phillips

ANGOLA — William L. "Bill" Phillips, 51, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1999.

A Hamilton High School graduate, he worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 16 years.

He was born Aug. 5, 1948, in Auburn to Winfred and Velma (Cross) Phillips.

Surviving are a brother, Wendell Phillips of Butler; a daughter, Holly Renee Phillips; and a grandson. Mr. Phillips is preceded in death by his parents.

Private services and calling will be conducted at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. Scott Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Kayla Tyler

FORT WAYNE — Kayla Nicole Tyler, 3, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999 in her Fort Wayne home.

Kayla Tyler

She was born April 1, 1996, in Fort Wayne and attended preschool at Taylor Chapel.

Surviving are her parents, Jeffrey and Sarah Tyler of Fort Wayne; grandparents Hans Schafer of Fort Wayne, Rose Schafer of Fort Wayne and Bob and Wendy Tyler of Fort Wayne; two aunts, Katie Humble of Fort Wayne and Suzie Rattie of Massachusetts; three uncles, Seth Humble and Chris Tyler of Fort Wayne and Jimmy Rattie of Massachusetts; great-grandparents Edward, Sr., and Janis Smith of Avilla; and her best friend, Socks the cat.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne. Calling will be Sunday and Monday from 5-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the funeral service at the church Tuesday. There will be a 5 p.m. vigil Monday.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Elizabeth Ann (Anna Long) Rodriguez**, 20, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999. Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Independent Full Gospel Church, 2372 State Road 4, Ashley. A private burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

SOUTH MILFORD — **Harold Heileman**, 71, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999. Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Hite Funeral home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

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Lavon Singleton

AUBURN — Lavon L. Singleton, 72, of rural Auburn died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at his home after a two-month illness.

He was district supervisor for the DeKalb County Highway Department prior to his retirement in 1989. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born May 21, 1927, in Hicksville, Ohio to Dearl and Ila (Saylor) Singleton.

On May 23, 1953, in Angola, he married Doris M. Groff, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jerry Singleton of Auburn; two daughters, Linda McKean of Auburn and Debra Howey of Lexington, S.C.; two brothers, Richard of South Bend and Max of Mark Center, Ohio; seven sisters, Molly Thompson of Auburn, Carolyn Wann of Grabill, Barbara Miller of Fort Wayne, Betty Singleton and Shirley Miller, both of New Haven, Mary-Lou Mavis of Antwerp, Ohio, and Genevieve Baumgart of Pulaski, Wis.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Vada Marie Singleton.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Hospice.

Donald Fulton

ANGOLA — Donald L. Fulton, 73, of Angola, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Fulton, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, worked all his life in Steuben County, and served as vice president of Angola State Bank.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church; a 50-year member of the Angola Lions Club; a 50-year member of the Angola American Legion Post 31; a 50-year member of Angola Masonic Lodge 231, and Scottish Rite; a member of the Mizpah Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne; a past president of the Pokagon Shrine Club; a member of Night Crawlers; a former volunteer with the Angola Fire Department; a former member of the Angola Jaycees and a former Jaycee's Man of the Year; and a former member of the Steuben County Young Republicans Club.

He was born Sept. 3, 1926, in Carthage, S.D., to Roy L. and Ruby (Massie) Fulton.

On May 28, 1948, he married Eileen (Frederick) Fulton, who survives at home.

Also surviving are eight daughters and seven sons-in-law, Sue and John Knoll of LaPorte, Marty and Al Burns of New Haven, Pat Fulton of Angola, Bobbie and Marty Gilbert of Angola, Connie and Jim Crowl of Angola, Stacy and George Gilbert of Angola, Lori and Tom Sanborn of Auburn, and Jeannie and Dick DeMato of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Powers of Angola; 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church, Cameron Hospice and charities of the donor's choice.

Ruth Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Uma Miller, 97, of Kendallville, died at 12:07 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She had been in failing health the past two months.

She was born in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Oct. 8, 1902, to Jacob L. and Myrta (Rhoades) Ginder. On Sept. 26, 1929, in Garrett, she married Paul Leon Miller. He preceded her in death June 22, 1978.

Mrs. Miller was a 1921 Auburn High School graduate, a 1922 Tri-State College graduate and a 1926 graduate of International Business College. She was a homemaker and a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, rural Wolcottville, its Ladies Aid and Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. William (Donna June) Wade of Buffalo, N.Y.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Morgan O. Miller of Kendallville, and Myron and Lorna Miller of Rogers, Ark.; a sister, Helen Oberlin of Battle Creek, Mich.; four grandchildren, William David Wade Jr. of Huntington, N.Y., Carol Anne Madell of Buffalo, N.Y., Michelle Green and Matthew Miller, both of Rogers, Ark.; and two great-grandchildren, Tyler Wade Madell and Damon Olivia Miller.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, rural Wolcottville.

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Wauhneta Masterson

FORT WAYNE — Wauhneta Marie Masterson, 79, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at 5:10 a.m. in Parkview Hospital.

A 1938 graduate of Metz High School in Steuben County, she earned her LPN degree from Lansing Community College in 1962. She and her husband ran a bakery in Williamston, Mich. until his death. She also worked as an LPN at Elmhurst and Cameron hospitals and Carlin Park Nursing Home in Angola.

She was a member of Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church in Metz and a former secretary of the Steuben County Associated Churches. She was a former volunteer for the Steuben County Red Cross.

She was born Nov. 13, 1920, in Metz to Luella Maye Porter.

On May 18, 1957, she married George Ward Masterson Jr., who preceded her in death in 1968.

Surviving are two daughters, Rose Marie Peters of Ashley and Loraine May Lambert of Moriarty, N.M.; a son, David Duane Masterson of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard Wisner of Auburn and James Wisner of Sheridan, N.Y.; a sister, Glida Wisner of South Bend; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, Metz, with the Rev. Robert Staup and the Rev. Willard McKinley officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Metz.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church.

Samuel Crossley

LIGONIER — Samuel Crossley, 89, of Ligonier, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, at 8:15 p.m. in the V.A. Medical Center in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Nov. 22.

He was born April 12, 1910, in DeKalb County to Lewis F. and Idamay (Tillison) Crossley.

Mr. Crossley had lived in DeKalb County most of his life and had worked on the New York Central Railroad for a number of years and then worked for the State Highway Department. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the Wolf Lake VFW Post.

Surviving are two sons, David Lee Crossley of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, and Sam E. Crossley of Kendallville; two daughters, Sonja Ross of Syracuse, and Arlene Fran Collins of Ligonier; a sister, Mrs. Eldon (Savilla) Treesh of Sedan; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, four sisters and a grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, with graveside military rites there.

There will be no public calling.

Memorials are to be the donor's choice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Heileman

SOUTH MILFORD — Harold Heileman, 71, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999.

Mr. Heileman served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Korean War and belonged to American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He retired from Group Dekko Silicones in 1990.

He was born April 4, 1928 in Kendallville to Cristian and Ruth (Myers) Heileman. He married Dorothy Snyder in September, 1947, and she preceded him in death Dec. 9, 1976. On July 2, 1989 in Wolcottville he married Doris Miller, and she survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are a son, William Heileman of Auburn; four stepdaughters, Judy Smith of Wolcottville, Mary Vice of Ontario, Ind., Brenda Souder of Auburn and Waneta Miller of Bristol; a stepson, James Franklin of Ontario, Ind.; three sisters, Rosa Russell of Kendallville, Jenny Severence of Morristown, Tenn. and Pauline Smith of Auburn; a brother, Raymond Heileman of Albion; a grandson; 11 step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

James Fuller Jr.

TOPEKA — James H. Fuller Jr., 45, of Topeka, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Fuller moved to Topeka in 1998 from Orland, where he lived most of his life. A 1972 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, he worked in the shipping department for Deflecta Shield in Howe. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Post 423, Orland.

He was born May 27, 1954, in Sturgis, Mich., to James H. Fuller Sr. and Katherine J. (Kellet) Fuller. His father preceded in him death in 1987. His mother survives in Orland.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeffrey of Sturgis, and Jeremy of LaGrange; a brother, Scott R. of Orland; a special friend, Pam Stevens of Topeka; one nephew and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home

Memorials are to the LaGrange County or Steuben County Cancer Society.

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Carl Heckman

FORT WAYNE — Carl W. Heckman, 97, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, in Lutheran Homes Inc. of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Heckman formerly lived in Garrett and Adams County. He was a farmer and retired in 1967 from Western Auto after 16½ years as a stock keeper. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, and formerly served as a volunteer at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born Aug. 11, 1902, in Adams County to Fred and Sophia Heckman.

His first wife, Elsie Roembke Heckman, died March 5, 1980. His second wife, Alice Heckman, survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are one son, Maurice F. of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Imogene Bultemeier of Ossian, Betty Schroeder of Auburn, and Donna Fenner of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Ann Kensill of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Harry Jackson of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Sandra Butcher of Titusville, Fla., and Karen Miller of Garrett; 13 grandchildren, 12 stepgrandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 29 stepgreat-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Four brothers, three sisters and a stillborn son preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Lutheran Homes Chapel, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne, with calling after 12:30 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Calling also will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arlene Wells

LEO — Arlene H. Wells, 92, of Leo died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at 2:20 p.m. at Vencor Hospital, LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Eastern Star in Leo and the American Kennel Club. Her hobbies included painting, poetry and arts and crafts.

She was born April 12, 1907, in Michigan to Carroll and Charlotte (Bonnie) Holbrook.

In 1927 in LaOtto she married John W. Wells, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, John of Fremont, Noel of Leo, Russell of Columbia City and Dennis of Virginia; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janine and Martin Erlenbaugh of Fremont and Yvonne and James Passwater of Florida; 23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a brother, Rex Holbrook.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Rob Seewald of the Auburn First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Vencor Hospital Rehabilitation Unit in LaGrange.

Isiah Runion

ALTONA — Isiah L. "Ise" Runion, 92, of Yorktown, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999 at 10:05 a.m. at the Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Runion lived in Altona his entire life until 1998, when he moved to Yorktown. He was a crew dispatcher for the B&0 Railroad for 45 years, retiring in 1970, and was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge for 54 years.

He was born Aug. 30, 1907, in Altona to Edward L. and Suzanna (Bair) Runion.

On June 15, 1933, in Garrett he married Josephine Boren, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Suzanna Ober of Yorktown; two grandsons, Michael Ober of Avon and Kevin Ober of Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Pamela Schacht of Zionsville; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Father Charles Herman presiding. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Masonic services will be conducted Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donor's choice.

Charles Burlingame

FREMONT — Charles F. Burlingame, 92, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, in Fremont.

Mr. Burlingame was the retired owner of Burlingame Industries, which he served as president for 30 years. He also was employed at Clark Equipment in Battle Creek, Mich., for 41 years.

A 1925 graduate of Fremont High School, he was a former farmer and a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

He was born Nov. 18, 1907, in Fremont to Homer C. and Elizabeth (Albaugh) Burlingame.

On Aug. 24, 1930, he married Naoma Thompson. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Beverly) Sellers of Fremont; a son, Bob Burlingame of Lytle Creek, Calif.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Deaths/Funerals

Diane Mack Kunce

BUTLER — Diane K. Mack Kunce, 51, died this morning, Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, at 6:20 a.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

She was born March 16, 1948, in Auburn to Richard and Juanita (Thomas) Mack.

Surviving are a son, Roy Kunce Jr. of Angola; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ronni and Don Cumings of Butler, Holly and James Cumings of St. Joe, and Stephanie Eib of Waterloo; four brothers, Frank Mack of Hamilton, Tom and Mike Mack of Butler, and Richard Mack of St. Joe; three sisters, Roberta Crager and Christine Baughman, both of Butler, and Lois Richey of Leesburg; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald, and a granddaughter, Alexandria Cumings.

Services will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson Funeral Home in Butler. A rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Selma Lanning

FORT WAYNE — Selma M. Lanning, 74, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a Fort Wayne native and a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Virgil A. Sr.; five sons, John T. of Ashley, and David M., Joe R., Chris C., and Phil J., all of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Lorrie D. O'Neal, Pam K. Gladieux and Julie A. Lanning, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald J. Boneff of Fort Wayne; a sister, Eleanor Nichols of Sacramento, Calif.; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Keith D. in 1989 and Virgil A. Jr. in 1997.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplecrest Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church. A vigil service will begin at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses.

Donald Fulton

ANGOLA — Donald L. Fulton, 73, of Angola, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Fulton, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, worked all his life in Steuben County, and served as vice president of Angola State Bank.

He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church; a 50-year member of the Angola Lions Club; a 50-year member of Angola American Legion Post 31; a 50-year member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 231, Scottish Rite; a member of the Mizpah Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne; a past president of the Pokagon Shrine Club; a member of Night Crawlers; a former volunteer with the Angola Fire Department; a former member of the Angola Jaycees and a former Jaycee's Man of the Year; and a former member of the Steuben County Young Republicans Club.

He was born Sept. 3, 1926, in Carthage, S.D., to Roy L. and Ruby (Massie) Fulton.

On May 28, 1948, he married Eileen (Frederick) Fulton, who survives at home.

Also surviving are eight daughters and seven sons-in-law, Sue and John Knoll of LaPorte, Marty and Al Burns of New Haven, Pat Fulton of Angola, Bobbie and Marty Gilbert of Angola, Connie and Jim Crowl of Angola, Stacy and George Gilbert of Angola, Lori and Tom Sanborn of Auburn, and Jeannie and Dick DeMato of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Powers of Angola; and 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church, Cameron Hospice and charities of the donor's choice.

Imogene "Jean" Foor

ARCOLA — Imogene E. "Jean" Foor, 77, died of natural causes Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at 10:52 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 6, 1922, in Etna Township, Whitley County, to Jacob Alfred and Mayme E. (Glass) Heintzelman.

On June 28, 1942, in the Ormas Baptist Church, Ormas, she married Max R. Foor, who survives.

She attended school at Coesse, Columbia City, Etna and Wolf Lake, where she graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the class of 1940. She completed her formal education at International Business College, Fort Wayne.

A lifelong Indiana resident, she had lived at her most recent home since 1957. She was a school secretary for Northwest Allen County public schools for 23 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Arcola United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, and of the Auxiliary of the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department.

Also surviving are a son, Steven P. Foor of Angola; a daughter, Judith J. Zelt of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Virgil Heintzelman of South Whitley and Max Heintzelman of Denver; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, M. Michael Foor, in 1997, and two sisters, Hilda Heintzelman and Irene Magnuson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Harolf Klinker of the Arcola United Methodist Church presiding. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery, 1500 S. State Road 205, Columbia City.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department or the Arcola United Methodist Church.

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James Fuller Jr.

TOPEKA — James H. Fuller Jr., 45, of Topeka, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Fuller moved to Topeka in 1998 from Orland, where he lived most of his life. A 1972 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, he worked in the shipping department for Deflecta Shield in Howe. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Post 423, Orland.

He was born May 27, 1954, in Sturgis, Mich., to James H. Fuller Sr. and Katherine J. (Kellet) Fuller. His father preceded in him death in 1987. His mother survives in Orland.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeffrey Fuller of Sturgis, and Jeremy Fuller of LaGrange; a brother, Scott R. Fuller of Orland; a special friend, Pam Stevens of Topeka; one nephew and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or Steuben County Cancer Society.

Marian Gagnon

ANGOLA — Marian L. Gagnon, 68, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 29, 1999, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gagnon was a homemaker. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 31, Angola; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Defiance, Ohio; the Coldwater, Mich., Eagles Lodge; and the Angola Moose Lodge.

She was born May 12, 1931, in Defiance to Harry and Thelma (Beltz) Sanders. Her mother survives in Bryan, Ohio.

On Dec. 30, 1983, she married Ernest Gagnon, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Tim D. Whitcomb of New Haven; five stepsons, Stanley Gagnon of Coldwater, Mich., Jeffery Gagnon of Napoleon, Ohio, Everett Gagnon of Bowling Green, Ohio, Steven Gagnon of Fort Wayne, and Tony Gagnon of Charleston, S.C.; a sister, Martha Cline of Hicksville, Ohio; and two grandchildren and 11 step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rodney "Russ" Whitcomb.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Manis Bolen

FREMONT — Manis Bolen, 83, of Fremont, died Monday, Nov. 29, 1999, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolen was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired as a laborer with Dana Weatherhead in Angola in 1981. He was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion.

He was born Aug. 1, 1916, in Knott County, Ky., to Bennie and Evaline (Sparkman) Bolen.

On Dec. 31, 1984, he married Barbara A. (Borton) Bolen, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Pauline Neely of Fremont, Doris Crawford of Fremont, and Nadine Steele of Lakeland, Fla.; two stepsons, David Bobilya of Ocala, Fla., and Danny Bobilya of Comstock, Mich.; a sister, Carrie Handshoe of Plymouth, Ohio; a brother, Hubert Bolen of Eolia, Mo.; 20 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lucy (Gibson) Bolen in 1977; three sons, Billy Ray Bolen, Sam Jay Bolen and Charles E. Bolen; two grandsons, four brothers, and four sisters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donor's choice.

Charles Burlingame

FREMONT — Charles F. Burlingame, 92, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, in Fremont.

Mr. Burlingame was the retired owner of Burlingame Industries, which he served as president for 30 years. He also was employed at Clark Equipment in Battle Creek, Mich., for 41 years.

A 1925 graduate of Fremont High School, he was a former farmer and a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

He was born Nov. 18, 1907, in Fremont to Homer C. and Elizabeth (Albaugh) Burlingame.

On Aug. 24, 1930, he married Naoma Thompson. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Beverly) Sellers of Fremont; a son, Bob Burlingame of Lytle Creek, Calif.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services took place Monday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial was in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling was Sunday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Chong Bolino

ANGOLA — Chong Nam "Lee" Bolino, 62, of rural Angola, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, in his home.

She was born Feb. 14, 1937, in Seoul, Korea to Yi Gun and Han Ae (Gi) Jae. They preceded her in death. On Dec. 11, 1969, in Seoul, she married Robert F. Bolino. He survives.

Mrs. Bolino moved to this area from Seoul in 1960. She retired in 1989 from Duo-Therm in LaGrange. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rosie Murray Stacey of Atlanta, Ga., and Elena Bolino of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son, Duke Murray of Alaska; two grandchildren, Danielle Stacey and Duke Stacey, both of Atlanta; and two brothers and two sisters in Korea.

Two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Bishop Thomas Wilson officiating.

Calling is from 1-3 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

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William Parrett

FORT WAYNE — William E. Parrett, 65, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, in Parkview Hospital.

He was a native of Whitley County, and a production worker at General Electric Co., retiring in 1996 after 30 years.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Parrett of Albion, and Stanley Parrett of Garrett; four daughters, Theresa Parrett of Garrett, Lori Parrett of Albion, April Gutierrez of Georgia, and Tina Ruiz of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Gerald Steger and Frederick Steger, both of Fort Wayne, and Doug Bailey of Columbia City; three stepdaughters, Sheryl Gordon of Tulsa, Okla., Wanda Johnson of Fort Wayne, and Roberta Wilson of Hartwell, Ga.; three brothers, Robert Parrett of Columbia City, Dean Conkley of Delphos, Ohio, and James Parrett of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Mary Baker of Pierce; 27 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Richard L. Crabill**, 47, died Monday. Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dean Edgett Bentz**, 85, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Zion Lutheran Church. Calling 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

LIGONIER — **Valura Marker**, 88, died Sunday. No services or calling.

The Evening Star, Wed., Dec. 1, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Alfred Fields

GARRETT — Alfred Fields, 77, died at 11:42 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, at his home on South Peters Street.

Mr. Fields worked for Garrett Tubular Co. for 23 years and also was a self-employed furniture upholsterer. He retired in 1984.

He was born on April 30, 1922 in Menifee County, Ky., to Hiram and Annie (Wells) Fields. On Sept. 8, 1938 in Menifee County he married Mildred Stamper, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Louise Barth of Kimmell, Verneda Molargik of Auburn, Lillian Kinsey of Garrett, and Betty Rose of Wawaka; three sisters, Grace Helton and Pauline Carpenter, both of Auburn, and Eva Mason of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dorsey Fields, and a half-brother, Howard Meadows.

Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor R. Larry Smith of the Garrett United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Services Hospice, P.O. Box 12869, Fort Wayne, IN 46866-2869.

Editor's note: This obituary is being reprinted to correct an error.

Chong Bolino

ANGOLA — Chong Nam "Lee" Bolino, 62, of rural Angola, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, in her home.

She was born Feb. 14, 1937, in Seoul, Korea to Yi Gun and Han Ae (Gi) Jae. They preceded her in death. On Dec. 11, 1969, in Seoul, she married Robert F. Bolino. He survives.

Mrs. Bolino moved to this area from Seoul in 1960. She retired in 1989 from Duo-Therm in LaGrange. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rosie Murray Stacey of Atlanta, Ga., and Elena Bolino of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son, Duke Murray of Alaska; two grandchildren, Danielle Stacey and Duke Stacey, both of Atlanta; and two brothers and two sisters in Korea.

Two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Bishop Thomas Wilson officiating.

Calling is from 1-3 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Wed., Dec. 1, 1999 (cont'd)

Bettymae Sewards-Wolfe

SPENCERVILLE — Bettymae Sewards-Wolfe, 70, of Spencerville, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999 at her residence.

She was a self-employed dog breeder for 50 years, specializing in the Chow-Chow breed.

She was born Jan. 2, 1929, in Toronto, Canada, to James Reed and Susan (Murray-Frazier) Cameron.

Surviving are four sons, Daniel Sewards and James Sewards of Spencerville, Samuel Sewards of Fort Wayne, and Adam Sewards of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Phyllis Robinson of Bears Den, Glasgow, Scotland; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

No services or calling are scheduled.

Memorials are to the Chow-Chow Club Inc. or the Foundation for Fighting Blindness, and may be sent in care of Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton. The funeral home is handling the arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Eddie O.D. Duncan**, 53, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Richard L. Crabill**, 47, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Dec. 2, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Otis Brown

FORT WAYNE — Otis D. Brown, 84, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Brown

Mr. Brown was the founder of National Magnesium Aluminum Foundry Inc. in 1970, Otis Brown Investments Inc. in 1965 and Sturgis Light Metals Foundry Inc. in 1954. He was a member of the Spencerville Methodist Church, Concord Blue Lodge in Spencerville, Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

He was born in Warsaw. He married Valda Belle, who preceded him in death Oct. 30, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy McNabb of Auburn; a brother, Charles J. Brown of Hamilton; a sister, Harriett Longardner of Auburn; three grandchildren, Colleen of Chicago, Nathan of Indianapolis and Kevin of Auburn; and a great-grandson, Michael of Auburn.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is at the funeral home from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Erin's House, 227 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 202, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Robert Davis

SPENCERVILLE — Robert E. Davis, 75, of County Road 72, died at 10:38 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he had been a patient since Friday. Nov. 26.

He attended school at Spencerville. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he served in the Pacific Theater.

He was a truck driver for Universal Tool in Butler, retiring in 1987 after 35 years of service. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, Ohio, the Knights of Columbus, the church choir and many church committees. He was on the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots committee.

He was born Nov. 10, 1924, in Decatur, Ill., to William Raymond and George Frances (Dean) Davis.

On Jan. 23, 1946, in Auburn, he married April Bowser, who preceded him in death Jan. 5, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Michele S. Davis of West Mansfield, Ohio; a son, Michael W. Davis of Leo; a grandson, Stephen Michael Davis of Grabill; a great-grandson, Zachary Scott Davis of Grabill; and two sisters, Nancy Hanna of Hamilton and Patricia A. Niblick of Young, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Margaret Keller and Georgia Davis.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, DeKalb County, with a graveside service by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Calling is at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, after 2 p.m. today. A Knights of Columbus service will be held in the funeral home tonight at 7.

Memorials are to the St. Michael's Catholic Church building fund.

Evening Star, Thurs., Dec. 2, 1999 (cont'd)

Bettymae Sewards-Wolfe

SPENCERVILLE — Bettymae Sewards-Wolfe, 70, of Spencerville, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, at her residence.

She was a self-employed dog breeder for 50 years, specializing in the Chow-Chow breed.

She was born Jan. 2, 1929, in Toronto, Canada, to James Reed and Susan (Frazier) Cameron.

Surviving are four sons, Daniel and James Sewards of Spencerville, Samuel Sewards of Fort Wayne, and Adam Sewards of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Phyllis Robinson of East Lothian, Gullane, Scotland; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

No services or calling are scheduled.

Memorials are to the Chow-Chow Club Inc. or the Foundation for Fighting Blindness, 11350 McCormick Road, Executive Plaza 1, Suite 800, Huntsville, MD 21031-1014.

Arrangements were made through Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Ted Schweigel Sr.

CHURUBUSCO — Ted L. Schweigel Sr., 67, formerly of Churubusco, died at 2:17 a.m. today, Dec. 2, 1999, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health the past several months and had entered the hospital Wednesday.

His wife, Evelyn (Baughman) Schweigel, died Oct. 30, 1996.

Among his survivors are three sons, Ted Schweigel Jr. of Stryker, Ohio, Timothy A. Schweigel of St. Joe, and Glen E. Schweigel; and a daughter, Suzanne Schweigel of Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

David Mann

AUBURN — David W. Mann, 46, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999, at 10:15 p.m. in Oak Meadow Learning Facility in Auburn. He had been ill all of his life.

He was born in Mitchell Sept. 26, 1953, to Homer B. and Margaret E. (Meggs) Mann. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Gatlin, Tenn.

Surviving are a sister, Kathleen Schneider of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Steven Mann of Uma, Ariz., and Kenneth Mann of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Private services were held. Burial was in Spring Mills State Park, Mitchell.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

Arlene Sowles

ANGOLA — Arlene J. Sowles, 79, of Angola, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Sowles was a retired proofreader for Moore Business Forms, Angola.

She was born Aug. 16, 1920, in Fremont to Frank and Katherine (Hawkins) Lint.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert W. and Gloria K. Sowles of Angola; two grandsons, Chad and Jarrod Sowles; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Berdene Wilkinson of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Shirley D. Sowles, on Sept. 30, 1996, and by one sister and one brother.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society of America.

Patricia Shafer

MONTICELLO — Patricia R. Shafer, 76, formerly of Garrett and most recently of Monticello, died at 1:01 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999, in White County Memorial Hospital in Monticello, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Hutchinson, Kan., Dec. 26, 1922. On Dec. 18, 1949, in Hawthorn, Calif., she married Orie T. "Tom" Shafer. He preceded her in death Sept. 30, 1983.

Mrs. Shafer had been a cook at the Railroad Inn in Garrett before moving to Monticello.

Surviving are a daughter, Rebecca M. Gibson of Garrett; a son, Orie T. "Tom" Shafer Jr. of Monticello; and two grandchildren, Orie T. Shafer III of Seattle, Wash., and William A. Shafer of Monticello.

Services will be held at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, at 11 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is two hours before services in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — **Mabel "Petty" Ryan McKiernan**, 90, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Joanne Helmsing

NEW HAVEN — Joanne I. Helmsing, 69, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, at her home in New Haven.

She was a former manager-owner of the Fountain Bleu Restaurant.

She was born in Fort Wayne. Her husband, Gerald F., preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela Forbing of Fremont; two sons, David Taylor of Fort Wayne and Ronald T. Taylor of New Haven; three sisters, Margaret Randall of Garrett, Janice Grover of Fort Wayne and Lillian Bartrom of Salt Springs, Fla.; a brother, Don R. St. John of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or to Wee Haven, Garrett.

Patricia Shafer

GARRETT — Patricia R. Shafer, 76, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999, at White County Memorial Hospital in Monticello.

She had been a cook at the Railroad Inn, Garrett.

She was born in Hutchinson, Kansas. Her husband, Orie T. "Tom" Shafer, preceded her in death in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Rebecca N. Gibson of Garrett; a son, Orie "Tom" Jr. of Monticello; and two grandsons.

Her funeral took place this morning at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. She was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Patricia Followell

FORT WAYNE — Patricia Ann Followell, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

A native of Macon, Ga., she was a homemaker.

Her husband, James A. Followell, preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna S. Biddle of Lake James; a son, Charles M. Followell of Avilla; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 9-11 a.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ted Schweigel Sr.

CHURUBUSCO — Ted L. Schweigel Sr., 67, of Churubusco and most recently of St. Joe, died at 2:17 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health the past several months and had entered the hospital on Wednesday.

He was born May 9, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Dick Ernest and Bessie (Kiefer) Schweigel. On June 16, 1953, he married Evelyn D. Baughman. She preceded him in death Oct. 30, 1996.

Mr. Schweigel grew up east of Fort Wayne and was a 1950 graduate of New Haven High School. He was employed for 20 years by the water department of the city of Fort Wayne and had worked as a driver for Summit Coach in Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring from there in 1996. He moved from LaOtto to Churubusco in 1985 and had been living with his son for the past year.

Surviving are a daughter, Suzanne Schweigel of Angola; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ted and Wendy Schweigel Jr. of Stryker, Ohio, Timothy A. and Mary Schweigel of St. Joe, and Glen E. and Norma Schweigel of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dick and Charlotte Schweigel and Jack and Lois Schweigel, all of Fort Wayne; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Earl Sorg of Casper, Wyo., and Mary Jane and Don Spohr and Ann and Leroy Miner, all of Fort Wayne, and Phyllis and Joe Price of Douglas, Wyo.; and 10 grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Schweigel and Clifford Schweigel.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Baughman officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mary Noel

GARRETT — Mary C. Noel, 80, of Garrett, died at 8:41 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Noel had been a nurse at Sanders Hospital, Souder Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital and Garrett Community Hospital for 35 years, retiring in 1972. She was a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett, the DeKalb Historical Society and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau township unit.

She was born Aug. 15, 1919, in Auburn to Albert H. and Florence V. (Ginder) Reinhart.

On April 26, 1945, she married Ralph A. Noel in Butler. He died in 1994.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, John Noel of Lake James in Steuben County, and David and Arlene Noel of Rockford, Ill.; one brother, John Reinhart of Butler; one sister, Annabelle Yoder of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Hans and Tyler Noel of Rockford, Ill.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Curt Brincefield officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School Athletic Department or Altarstar United Methodist Church.

William Gulich

HAMILTON — William Gulich, 78, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at 12:28 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

The Evening Star, Mon., Dec. 6, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Michael Myers

AUBURN — Michael J. Myers Jr., 85, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Myers was a foreman at Wright Aeronautical in Cincinnati from 1941 to 1945. He owned The Home Store in Auburn from 1945 to 1952. He retired in 1980 after 25 years as a supervisor for Super Foods of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, a former member of the Auburn Lions Club, and a member of the Wyoming, Ohio, Masonic Lodge, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Auburn chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

He was born Sept. 29, 1914, in Auburn.

He married Garcile Miser on Feb. 20, 1937, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael J. Myers III and Karen Myers of Urbana, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and Tom Muehlmeyer of Auburn; a brother, Don of Angola; a sister, Thelma Brinkman of Syracuse; two grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, one great-grandchild, five stepgreat-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Three brothers, John, Stanley and Austin, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

William Gulick Jr.

HAMILTON — William "Bill" C. Gulick Jr., 78, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at 12:25 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gulick worked as a machinist at Warner Gear of Auburn for more than 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8628 of Pioneer, Ohio, American Legion Post 307 of Pioneer, and Fraternal Order of Eagles 2246 of Montpelier, Ohio.

He was born Nov. 27, 1921, at Auburn Junction to William Charles Gulick and Treva Mae (Rynearson) Gulick.

He married Violet Thimlar on Feb. 13, 1987. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Butch and Susie Gulick of Waterloo; a daughter, Kay Newman of Los Alamos, N.M.; a sister, Harriet M. Shellenberger of Garrett; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard R. Gulick, and a grandson, Brett Gulick.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Father David Carkenord, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heart Association.

Evening Star, Thur., Dec. 6, 1999 (cont'd)

E. Vern Bachtel

AUBURN — E. Vern Bachtel, 95, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Bachtel was a farmer and managed the Sinclair gas station in Waterloo from 1928 to 1953. He was a dairy supervisor for 27 years for the DeKalb County Dairy Improvement Association. He was a former Fairfield Township trustee and a former Waterloo Lions Club member. He formerly lived at Pretty Lake.

He was born Feb. 24, 1904, in DeKalb County to William and Mary (Walker) Bachtel. They preceded him in death.

He married Velta (Hootman) Bachtel on Feb. 12, 1932, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she died Nov. 1, 1990.

Surviving him are four nephews, Robert Hootman of Kendallville, Vern Hootman of Edgerton, Ohio, Tom Darr of Kohler, Wis., and Ted Bachtel of El Paso, Texas; three nieces, Marsha Ray of Angola, Linda Gehl of Auburn and Carol Moore of Defiance, Ohio.

One brother, Harry, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Karl Glass

FORT WAYNE — Karl D. Glass, 37, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at 10:30 p.m. in a traffic accident at Coldwater and Wallen roads in Allen County.

He was a caseworker at the Northeastern Center office in Auburn, and was a 1985 graduate of Indiana University.

Mr. Glass was born Jan. 10, 1962, in Harrisburg, Pa.

Surviving him are his mother and stepfather, Marlene (Campbell) and Ian Halliday of Auburn; his father, John Glass of Kendallville; his grandparents, Karma and Bill Van Schoyck of Celina, Ohio; one brother, Ron Glass of Angola; two stepbrothers, Kevin Halliday and Craig Halliday, both of Greensboro, N.C.; three sisters, Terri L. Crowl of Pleasant Lake, Karen E. Maxwell of Kendallville and Shirlene L. Harding of Garrett; a stepsister, Katy Hummer of Puryear, Tenn.; and his nieces and nephews, Kari Glass, Cody and Paige Harding, Alexandra Maxwell, Tyler Hummer, and Gunner and Lakyn Halliday.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center Mental Health Alliance.

Stephen Quaderer

PLEASANT LAKE — Stephen Gerald Quaderer, 43, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at his home.

He worked on the dock for Consolidated Freightways and belonged to Teamsters Local 414 and Angola Masonic Lodge 236.

He was born in Detroit on Nov. 4, 1956, to Norman and Marilyn (Fisher) Quaderer.

Surviving are five sons, Dustin, Grant and Stephen Norman Quaderer of Pleasant Lake and Matthew and Michael Quaderer of Panama City Beach, Fla.; a daughter, McKenna Quaderer of Pleasant Lake; five sisters, Mary Knepshield, Carolyn Peruski, Janice Rampinski, Laura Wolf and Valerie Preiser, all of Michigan; and three brothers, Norman, Kevin and Larry, all of Michigan.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon in Episcopal Church Holy Family in Angola, with the Rev. Peter P. Preiser Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, and at the church from 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Stephen G. Quaderer Children's Trust.

Willis Reardon

HAMILTON — Willis R. "Bill" Reardon, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at his Hamilton home.

He had been a Fort Wayne police officer, retiring in 1969 as captain of the traffic division after 20 years of service. He was director of security at Lincoln Bank and at Zollner Corp., where he retired in 1989. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He lived 27 years in Hamilton and most of his life in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo, and the Hamilton Fish & Game Club. He was a 50-year member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and was a founder and lifetime director of the Police Athletic League.

Mr. Reardon was born July 2, 1926, in Fort Wayne.

He married his wife, Phyllis L., on Dec. 12, 1946. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick A. and Tobi Reardon of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Marti S. and Rick Freed of Hamilton; one brother, David L. Miller of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Stephanie and Drew Freed; and his stepmother, Mabel Reardon of Lake Worth, Fla.

Two brothers, Robert Jr. and Willard, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. A rosary service will be Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospital Hospice, St. Michael's Catholic Church, or the Fort Wayne Police Athletic League.

Evening Star, Mon., Dec. 6, 1999 (cont'd)

Audrey Lindemuth

FORT WAYNE — Audrey C. Lindemuth, 76, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at 10:05 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Lindemuth was born Feb. 12, 1923, in Garrett to Charles and Gertrude (Donahue) Feagler.

She married Ralph E. Lindemuth on May 24, 1958, in Garrett. He died Nov. 6, 1999.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Cyndy and Dale Halbakken of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Greg Kraft of Auburn, Debbie Sharp of Fort Wayne and Eric Halbakken of Oregon; and three great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10:30 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas Treesh

EDGERTON, Ohio — Thomas E. Treesh, 63, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at 4:33 a.m. in Hicksville Community Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. Treesh was a tool-and-die maker for Regent Manufacturing Co. in Edgerton. He was a military veteran and a former Garrett resident.

He was born March 30, 1936, in Garrett to Iver A. and Lanora A. (Hurd) Treesh.

He married Betty Weible on Dec. 1, 1962, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Sandy Treesh of Garrett; one daughter and son-in-law, Machelle and Danny Mason of Hudson; two brothers, Roger of Butler and Keith of Auburn; one sister, Barbara Vollmer of Edgerton; and two grandchildren.

Two brothers, Marvin and Gary, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. George A. Cecil of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Albion, officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Marjorie Raschke

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie E. Raschke, 75, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at Regency Place, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Raschke was an accountant in the City-County Building for 30 years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and was active in the Bloomingdale School Alumni Association. She was an avid card player.

She was born Feb. 8, 1924, in Fort Wayne.

She married Robert D. Raschke on Dec. 20, 1945, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Daniel R. of Lafayette; one daughter, Kay L. Smith of Garrett; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

One brother, Paul Dunlap, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in D.Q. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Thelma Clifton

AUBURN — Thelma L. Clifton, 91, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at 5:05 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a cashier and bookkeeper for Quality Food Center in Seattle, Wash., for 18 years, retiring in 1973. She formerly lived at Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn. She was a member of the Corunna United Brethren Church.

She was born Dec. 8, 1908, in Mount Vernon, Wash., to Peter E. and Emma (Basgard) Mattson.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Roger McDonald of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Heather and Adam McDonald.

Four sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Corunna United Brethren Church, with calling after 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Thomas M. "Tommy" Runyon**, 79, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Lyman L. Crabill**, 78, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Melvin Logan

FREMONT — Melvin W. Logan, 79, of Snow Lake, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Logan retired from International Harvester in 1974 after 34 years of employment. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and he was a life member of the American Legion and the National Rifle Association. He was a strong supporter of all local law enforcement agencies and loved hunting and fishing.

He was born June 5, 1920, in Collinsville, Ill., to Thomas and Leona (Lee) Logan.

On July 20, 1942, he married the former Patricia J. Robbins in Minneapolis. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dan and Sharon Logan of Fremont, and Michael Logan of Clearwater, Fla.; a granddaughter and her husband, Michelle and Jason Esterline; three sisters, Marjorie Neer, Mildred Hinderer and Marscella Azar, all of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Marvin L. Logan of Hamtramck, Mich.

Services were today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial was in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

William Gulick Jr.

HAMILTON — William "Bill" C. Gulick Jr., 78, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at 12:25 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gulick worked as a machinist at Warner Gear of Auburn for more than 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8628 of Pioneer, Ohio, American Legion Post 307 of Pioneer, and Fraternal Order of Eagles 2246 of Montpelier, Ohio.

He was born Nov. 27, 1921, at Auburn Junction to William Charles Gulick and Treva Mae (Rynearson) Gulick.

He married Violet Thimlar on Feb. 13, 1987. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Butch and Susie Gulick of Waterloo; a daughter, Kay Newman of Los Alamos, N.M.; a stepdaughter, Eunice Martin of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.; a sister, Harriet M. Shellenberger of Garrett; four grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, four great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard R. Gulick, and a grandson, Brett Gulick.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Father David Carkenord, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, officiated. Burial was to take place in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Heart Association.

Judy Yearsley

ANGOLA — Judy K. Yearsley, 48, of Angola, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked as a patient registrar at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola. She graduated from Osborne High School in Detroit and moved to Angola in 1987 from Sterling Heights, Mich. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

She was born July 20, 1951, in Detroit to Gilbert and Agnes (Hewitt) Yearsley.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Terri Hamilton of Louisville, Ky.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Mike Baroli of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Carole and Paul White of Angola; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, Mich.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church or the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Kathryn Standen

ALPENA, Mich. — Kathryn B. (LeRoy) Standen, 85, died Nov. 23, 1999, after an extended illness.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church and its Women's Fellowship, Do It Day, and Mary Breuster. She lived in Alpena.

She was born Sept. 4, 1914, in Long Rapids Township, and married Leo Standen on Feb. 21, 1934. He survives.

Surviving her are three daughters and sons-in-law, JoAnn and Don Aiken of Auburn, and Dixie and James Julian, and Mary and Kenneth Minnick, all of Alpena; one son and daughter-in-law, Jere and Diana Standen of Alpena; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Ilah Phillips, Alma Millard and Jean Werth, and one brother, James LeRoy, preceded her in death.

Services were held Nov. 27 in Bannan Funeral Home, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials are to the First Congregational Church Kitchen Fund.

Elsa Buckner

WOLCOTTVILLE — Elsa Linnea Olson Buckner, 92, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, in her home in LaGrange County.

She was born in Winburne, Pa., Aug. 9, 1907, to Swedish immigrants. Her father worked as a coal miner and died at a young age. Her mother came to America as an indentured servant.

She is survived by her husband, and four children, Lowell Buckner and Steve Gavin, both of San Francisco, Joyce, of San Angelo, Texas, and David of Ligonier; a brother, Arnold Olson of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Three sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, followed by an open house at the Buckner farm at 9880E — 500S, six miles north of Kendallville, then three mile east of Ind. 3 on C.R. 500S. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and two hours before services at the funeral home Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Loretta Redman

PUYALLUP, Wash. — Loretta C. Redman, 95, died Nov. 10, 1999, at 1:15 a.m. at the Regency Convalescent Center in Puyallup, Wash. She had been a resident of the center since breaking a hip in July of this year.

Mrs. Redman had been a resident of Auburn and graduated cum laude from Auburn High School in 1921. She worked for the Knapp Abstracting Co. before acquiring DeKalb County Realty, which then became the Auburn Abstract Title and Insurance Co. As owner-operator, she was in business about 35 years before retiring. During the 1940s, she also served as deputy county clerk for eight years.

She was married to S.O. Redman of Garrett, a retired railroad worker, for 40 years before his death in 1986. Since then, she had been living with her daughter and son-in-law, Eileen A. and Capt. H.B. Anders, in Seattle, Wash.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Redman were well known in the Lake George, Fort Wayne, Garrett and Auburn areas.

Mrs. Redman was born Loretta Catherine Gallagher on Oct. 5, 1904, in Chicago, the last child in a family of six boys and two girls. Her parents were Thomas Gallagher, formerly a Chicago street car operator, and Mary Ellen Keating Gallagher, a native of Ireland.

Surviving are one daughter, Eileen A. Anders, one granddaughter, Lisa K. Broderick, and one great-grandson, Jerry D. Broderick, all of Seattle, Wash.; two stepsisters, Mary Jo Putt of Angola and Jean Switzer of Topeka, Kan.; six stepgrandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren in the Redman, Switzer and Gallagher families.

Final interment will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **William "Keith" Curie**, 85, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Stephen McDevitt**, 53, died Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ola M. Wilcken** died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Dec. 9, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

K. Wayne Curry

WATERLOO — K. Wayne Curry, 81, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at 4 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He owned and operated Curry's Antiques for 31 years, and lived on U.S. 6, Waterloo.

Mr. Curry was born Jan. 14, 1918, in Auburn to Charles and Ona (Tripplett) Curry.

He married Vivian Fike on Sept. 25, 1960, in Pleasant Lake, and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Robert Chorpenning of Tallahatchee, Miss.; and one brother, Harold Curry of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by one son, Tim; one stepson, James Chorpenning; one brother, Maurice Curry; and one sister, Helen Opdycke.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Rick Rigney of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, Corunna Fire Department, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Theodore R. Johnson**, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there two hours before services.

SYRACUSE — **Carol L. Boyer**, 57, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Betty Hines

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Betty Jackson Hines, 78, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, in Greenville, N.C.

She had lived in Auburn for 50 years and in Greenville for the past 1 1/2 months. She was a native of Fort Wayne. Her husband, Hubert M. Hines, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a daughter, Rebecca Womble of Greenville; a brother, Byron Jackson of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Jane Peretta of Prescott, Ariz., and Suzanne Winkleback of Fort Wayne.

A private memorial service will be held. Wilkerson Funeral Home and Crematory, Greenville, will be in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

James Antrup

BUTLER — James A. Antrup, 57, died today at 2:12 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Jack Jellison

FORT WAYNE — Jack M. Jellison, 34, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a maintenance technician with Holiday Inn and a lover of sports.

Surviving are his wife, Dana R. Jellison of Fort Wayne; his mother, Sharon E. Rybolt Jellison of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Thomas and Bessie Jellison of Bluffton; a son, Matthew of Angola; two daughters, Steffanie of Kendallville, and Holly of Bryan, Ohio; two brothers, Scott Jellison of Twelve Mile, and Tom Jellison of Albion; a sister, Tina Hart of Fort Wayne; three stepbrothers, Wade Manning of Bluffton, Gary Manning of Ossian, and Alan Manning of Westville; and two stepsisters, R. Jane Pettit of Bluffton, and Teresa Smith of Ossian.

He was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Kenneth G. Manning.

Services were held today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Marguerite Garner

HOWE — Marguerite Garner, 82, of Howe, and formerly of Portland, died early Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999, in Life Care Center in LaGrange.

She was born in Jay County, June 11, 1917, to Charlie and Lulu (Jones) Abbott. On Jan. 9, 1945, she married George Garner. He survives.

Mrs. Garner co-owned and operated Garner Sheet Metal in Portland with her husband and had worked at Jay Garment in Portland.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Marsha) Metzger of Auburn and Mrs. David (Sheila) Wolford of Bryant; a brother, Russell Abbott of Springfield, Ill.; three sisters, Daisey Romine of Portland, Dorothy Bergman of Bryant, and Fern Bechdolt of Howe; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with the Rev. Richard T. Kraus officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-7 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mary Alice Norris**, 86, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funerals Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Methel E. Kniss**, 86, died Thursday. Services at 3 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

The Evening Star, Sat., Dec. 11, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

James Antrup

BUTLER — James A. Antrup, 57, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, at 2:12 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Antrup worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 32 years, retiring in 1993. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was discharged in 1967. He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and Butler United Methodist Church. He delivered meals to shut-ins for about three years.

He was born June 27, 1942, in DeKalb County to George and Ann (Kessler) Antrup. They survive in Avilla.

He married Carol Harris on June 28, 1984, in Las Vegas, Nev., and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepdaughter, Nancy Raneria of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; two brothers, Richard Antrup of Auburn and Robert Antrup of Spencerville; one sister, Lu Ann Antrup of Auburn; five stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

A sister, Virginia Stanley, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach will officiate.

Burial will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana Time) in Bark's Chapel Cemetery, Crump, Mo.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Icie Gross**, 93, of Churubusco, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999. Graveside services today at 2 p.m. at the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND, Canada — **Richard Waldo Troyer**, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at LaOtto Wesleyan Church. Calling one hour prior to the services and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY —**Stephen Lewis McDevitt**, 53, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999. Services at 10:30 a.m. today in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Martin Hamman

AUBURN — Martin E. Hamman, 78, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hamman retired in 1985 from Rieke Corp. with 43 years of service. He was a quality control engineer. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and recipient of the Purple Heart. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Indiana University fan, and enjoyed swimming and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born July 20, 1921, in Hamilton.

Surviving him are his wife, Lois Marie; two sons, Michael E. of Auburn and Howard L. of Hamilton; one brother, Marion F. of Kendallville; five grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Paul; one sister, Myrtle Clay; and one brother, Milton.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn.

Gerald Boyer

AVILLA — Gerald R. "Jack" Boyer, 80, of Avilla, died at 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, in his home.

He was born in Hudson Sept. 7, 1919, to Ralph and Delphia (Martin) Boyer. On April 1, 1945, in St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, he married Kathleen Seng. She survives.

Mr. Boyer had lived most of his life in Brushy Prairie, then moved to Iron, Mich., before moving to Avilla in 1989. He was a 1938 graduate of Salem Center High School and had been a bus driver for both Prairie Heights and Salem Center schools for 12 years. He was a retired farmer and in 1983 retired from Starcraft in Topeka after 12 years. He was a former Salem Center volunteer firefighter and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jacque Sobasky of LaOtto, Cherry Peterson of Fort Wayne, and Susan Boyer of Angola; two sons, Philip Boyer of Brushy Prairie and Gary Boyer of Avilla; eight grandchildren, Stephanie Good, Nichole Barnhart, Andrew, Rusty and Kellie Sobasky and Jeremy, Mathew and Bryan Boyer; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin, in 1953; a sister, Amy Boyer; and three brothers, David "Skip," Donald and Robert Boyer.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dean R. Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services at the church Tuesday. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Hospice or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Arnold Howard

AUBURN — Arnold Howard, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. in his home on Chestnut Street in Auburn.

He was a coal miner for Harlan Wallins Coal Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1967. He was a member of the Assembly of Hope Church.

Mr. Howard was born Feb. 3, 1914, in Harlan County, Ky., to Grant and Mary A. (Slusher) Howard.

He married Lillie Farmer on Dec. 24, 1937, Harlan, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons, Larry of Lakeland, Fla., Ernest, Curtis and Cecil, all of Auburn, Ules of Fort Myers, Fla., and Dallas of Pendleton; one daughter, Sandra Snow of Auburn; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Hershell; two brothers, Permer and Orville; and two sisters, Edna Arvin and Viola Slusher.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Roger Knuckles officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and the American Cancer Society.

Marguerite Garner

PORTLAND, Ind. — Marguerite Garner, 82, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999, in Life Care Center, LaGrange.

She was born June 11, 1917, in Jay County.

She is survived by her husband, George; two daughters, Sheila Wolford of Portland and Marsha Metzger of Auburn; one brother; three sisters; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland.

Arlene Mortorff

ANGOLA— Arlene Mortorff, 77, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mortorff was a homemaker. She was born Nov. 1, 1922, in Battle Creek, Mich., to Albert Leroy and Nellie (Van Allen) Pyke. Her husband, Cary Mortorff, preceded her in death in 1992.

She also was preceded in death by a grandchild, Joshua Nathan Ciolkos.

Surviving are two daughters, Tina Ciolkos of Fort Wayne and Andrea Cox of Angola; two sisters, June Hansen of Milwaukee and Elaine Williams of Alto, Ga.; and three brothers, Charles Pyke of Auburndale, Wis., Robert Pyke of Valparaiso and Ronald Pyke of Ooltewah, Tenn.

Services were held today at noon in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating.

Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

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Donna Doane

FORT WAYNE — Donna I. (Edwards) Doane died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne for 50 years.

Mrs. Doane was born in Edgerton, Ohio. She married Robert L. Doane on July 1, 1961, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David E. Felger of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Chip Doane of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Valerie Lewton, Nancy Squier and Deborah Peterson, all of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Pauline Selking of Decatur, Bernice James of Garrett, Hilda "Tillie" Aikens of St. Joe, Maybelle Blankenbeckler of Defiance, Ohio; and Carol Baker of Bryan, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Roy Arthur Edwards, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Elsie Aker

ANGOLA — Elsie Mae Aker, 92, of Angola, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at Meridian Oaks Guest Home in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Aker was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Markle. She lived in Angola for 50 years.

She was born Feb. 17, 1907, in Markle to Jefferson Davis and Rosa Ann (DeHaven) Dunwoody.

She married Roy J. Aker on Dec. 12, 1928. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Roseann Crain of Indianapolis; two granddaughters, Cyndi Nusbaum of Angola and Deanna Clark of Valparaiso; one grandson, Steve Crain of Angola; and four great-grandsons.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters and one brother.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Star Hope Cemetery in Markle.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Gerald R. "Jack" Boyer**, 80, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with calling 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Elizabeth Alice Hessler**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-7 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Josephine Diggins**, 91, died Saturday. Memorial services at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, in Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

The Evening Star, Tues., Dec. 14, 1999

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Donald F. Holle**, 83, died at 7:45 p.m. Saturday. Services at 3 p.m. Thursday in St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen. Calling 1-5 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and 1-3 p.m. Thursday in the church.

LIGONIER — **Richard W. Wallace**, 57, died Monday in his home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LIGONIER — **Margaret R. Prucinsky**, 89, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Echo Sliger

GARRETT — Echo L. Sliger, 71, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999, at her Garrett home.

Mrs. Sliger was a homemaker and a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and the Heimach Senior Center.

She was born July 20, 1928, in Shepherd, Mich., to Joseph and Hazel (Tharpe) Shanahan.

She married Joseph Sliger on Sept. 5, 1948, in Shepherd, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark W. and John P., both of Garrett; one daughter, Ruth L. Aschleman of Kendallville; two sisters, Patricia Rau of Mount Pleasant, Mich., and Sharon Bardleau of Lansing, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

One grandson and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, in rural Auburn. The Rev. Donald Shankster will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Heifer Project or the Manchester College Music Department.

Jean Palumbo

FORT WAYNE — Jean M. Palumbo, 74, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, in her Fort Wayne home.

Mrs. Palumbo was born in Auburn and was a homemaker who enjoyed giving parties. She was owner of the first baby clothing store in Auburn, Baby's Wonderland. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church and Sigma Beta Sorority. She was an instrumental part of her husband's co-founding of Franklin National Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne with his brothers, Oronzo and Vito.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louie, in 1985.

Surviving her are one son, Jerry L. Palumbo of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Linda Reynolds of Grabill, and Lisa Kim Palumbo, Laurie McArdle and Tammy Miller, all of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, and two cousins, Wayne Boyd of Auburn and Beryl Palumbo of Leo-Cedarville.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. The Rosary will be recited Thursday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home, 3015 S. Wayne Ave., Box 21, Fort Wayne IN 46807.

Patsy Leland

GARRETT — Patsy Leland, 52, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. She was a homemaker.

She was born May 20, 1947, in Angola. Her husband, Lowell Leland, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Patty Leland of Garrett, Florance and John Padgett of St. Joe, June and Jimmy Collins of Ligonier, and Gloria and Delsley Sizemore of Waterloo; one son, Robert Leland of Michigan; three stepsons, Wayne Leland of Florida, LeRoy Leland of Michigan, and Ronald Leland of Waterloo; one stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Dianna and Michael Richardson of Waterloo; one brother, Robert B. Boyle of Michigan; two sisters, Sharon Dean of Wisconsin and Rose Mary Boyle of Angola; two stepbrothers, Gene Rowe of Angola and John Rowe of Albion; two stepsisters, Mary Ann Warner of Waterloo and Ethel Jennings of Columbus, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery.

Marietta Stinson

FORT WAYNE — Marietta (Fretz) Stinson, 79, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at 3:20 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Stinson was a homemaker and had lived in Waterloo until 1960, when she moved to Fort Wayne. She was a member of Covenant Christian Church.

She was born Aug. 16, 1920, in Akron, Ohio, to Russell and Gladys (Krieder) Fretz.

She married Charles F. Stinson, who died in 1980.

Surviving her are one daughter, Donna Jean Stinson of Fort Wayne; and one son, Robert C. Stinson of Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Richard Fouts officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Covenant Christian Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Evelyn K. Johnston**, 86, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there one hour before services.

LAGRANGE — **Benjamin L. Greenawalt**, 72, died Monday. Memorial services at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

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Deaths/Funerals

This obituary is being reprinted to add information not provided for the first publication.

Patsy Leland

GARRETT — Patsy Leland, 52, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. She was a homemaker.

She was born May 20, 1947, in Angola. Her husband, Lowell Leland, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Patty Leland of Garrett, Florance and John Padgett of St. Joe, June and Jimmy Collins of Ligonier, and Gloria and Delsley Sizemore of Waterloo; two sons, Robert Leland of Michigan and Jesse Leland of Garrett; three stepsons, Wayne Leland of Florida, LeRoy Leland of Michigan, and Ronald Leland of Waterloo; one stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Dianna and Michael Richardson of Waterloo; one brother, Robert B. Boyle of Michigan; two sisters, Sharon Dean of Wisconsin and Rose Mary Boyle of Angola; two stepbrothers, Gene Rowe of Angola and John Rowe of Albion; two stepsisters, Mary Ann Warner of Waterloo and Ethel Jennings of Columbus, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Burial was in the Sedan Cemetery.

Earl Ringler

PLEASANT LAKE — Earl Parr Ringler, 92, of Pleasant Lake, died at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999, in his home.

He was born in rural Pleasant Lake on March 29, 1907, to Chauncey and Flora (Parr) Ringler. On June 29, 1940, he married Rowena A. Hughes. She preceded him in death May 27, 1983.

Mr. Ringler, a lifetime resident of Salem Township, Steuben County, was a retired farmer and a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Dale Smathers of rural Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Stuart and Donna Ringler of rural Pleasant Lake; and three grandchildren, Blake and Benjamin Smathers and Rachel Ringer.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is two hours before services on Friday.

Memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dale Kenneth Juillerat**, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

The Evening Star, Fri., Dec. 17, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Regena Souder

AUBURN — Regena J. Souder, 83, died today at 1:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m.

Calling is Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

A full obituary will be published in Saturday's edition.

Mary Walters

AUBURN — Mary Walters, 64, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 19, 1935.

Surviving her are a sister, Lois Eaknight of Wabash; a brother, Harold Walters of Claypool; and her guardian, Norma Malcolm of Auburn.

One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald House.

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James Denner

KENDALLVILLE — James A. Denner, 54, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999, in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Fort Wayne and was a steamfitter with Local 166 Steamfitters for 30 years. He retired in 1991.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; a daughter, Dawn Marie Denner of Huntertown; a stepdaughter, Lori Martin of Kendallville; two stepsons, Kelly Martin of Kendallville, and Michael Martin of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sisters, Georgia McDowell of Auburn, and Patricia Herport Tremmel of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Michael J. Denner of Huntertown, and Theodore Denner of Indiana; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, James A. Denner Jr., in 1991.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Dale Juillerat

COLUMBIA CITY — Dale Kenneth Juillerat, 81, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1999, at 5:30 a.m. at his home in Columbia City.

He was employed for 30 years with Fort Wayne Dana Axle Division. He lived in Whitley, Allen and Noble counties, and also lived 4 1/2 years in Ederton, Wis., while working for the Dana plant in Janesville, Wis. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He graduated from Washington Center High School in 1937.

Mr. Juillerat was a member of American Legion Post 98 for over 50 years. He was a charter member of the Columbia City VFW Post, and a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

He was born Aug. 15, 1918, in Washington Township, Whitley County, to Edmond L. and Etta Victoria (Keel) Juillerat. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Ann Coffel on July 14, 1972, in Columbia City, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Rozanne and Paul Augsburger, Vicki Terry, and Carol and Roger Mann, all of Fort Wayne, and Karen and Dean Albaugh of Columbia City; two stepsons and one stepdaughter-in-law, Larry Cochrane of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Mike and Valerie Dilts of Angola; three brothers, Donald of Columbia City, Orville of Fort Wayne, and Ralph of Churubusco; two sisters, Mary Giant of Fort Wayne and Bertha Thorn of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Loreen Richards and Bernice Alexander, and three brothers, Harry, Ernest and Gilbert Juillerat.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, 101 E. North St., Columbia City, with Pastor James A. Haugen officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military rites by American Legion Post 98.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Jim E. Collins**, 71, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Frederick E. Wimmer**, 87, died Dec. 11. Services were Tuesday in Flemingsburg, Ky.

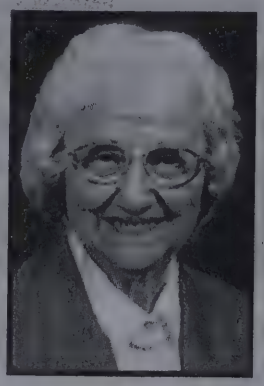
COLUMBIA CITY — **James E. Baker**, 75, died Wednesday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Family prayer services at 10:40 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Regena Souder

AUBURN — Regena "Jennie" (Warner) Souder, 83, died Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at 1:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Souder was the secretary of Paul Souder Construction Co. for 50 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, where she served as former president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, was a leader of the Junior Youth Fellowship and Sunday School class for 25 years, and was a member of the Keystone Sunday School class and Nellie Weaver Circle.



Regena Souder

She was a former counselor for the Victim and Offender Advocate Program and a member of the DeKalb County Republican Women.

She was born June 17, 1916, in Allen County to Eli H. and Celeste S. (Porter) Warner.

She married Paul J. Souder on Sept. 24, 1939, in Leo. He died Nov. 7, 1997.

Surviving her are two sons, Roger N. Souder and Dr. Mark N. Souder, both of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Melony K. and Randy Ramsey of Lafayette; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Orlo H. Warner, and one sister, Cleo V. Page, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling at the church after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery in Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Youth For Christ or Josh McDowell Ministries.

Ramar Wakenight

MARSHALL. Mich. — Ramar W. "Whitey" Wakenight, 63, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999, after a long illness.

Mr. Wakenight was a Marshall-area businessman. He had lived in Marshall since 1976, moving there from Auburn. He served as president of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce from 1976 to 1978. He owned and operated Wheeler Insulation, Do It Yourself Center and Insulation Wholesale Supply companies.

Before moving to Marshall, he had been a teacher and coach in Anderson and at DeKalb High School. He also had taught in Europe for four years, three years in Germany and one year in Spain, with the Department of Defense Overseas Schools.

He was a 25-year member of the Marshall Lions Club, which he served in many capacities, including as the light bulb project chairman. He received the Melvin Jones Fellow award, one of the highest honors given by the Lions. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school. He met most mornings with the Downtown Breakfast Club. He enjoyed fishing trips to Minnesota and was a connoisseur of good foods, wines and ice cream.

Mr. Wakenight was born Sept. 15, 1936, in Rockford, Ill., to Lauren and Florence (Callahan) Wakenight. They preceded him in death.

He married Janet Linn Copley on Aug. 17, 1968, in Anderson, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Trent Wilson and Lisa Wakenight of Ann Arbor, Mich.; one daughter, Tristana Linn Wakenight of Marshall; two sisters, Nancy Park and Connie Bowman, both of Rockford; one brother, Richard Wakenight of Granger, Ind.; and a granddaughter, Shelby Suyama Wakenight.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the United Methodist Church in Marshall.

Calling is Sunday from 2-9 p.m. in Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home, 103 E. Mansion St., Marshall.

Memorials are to Good Samaritan Hospice Care, the church, Oaklawn Hospital, or the Marshall Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decoration Fund.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Sanders

WATERLOO — Dorothy V. Sanders, 71, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at 8:50 p.m. in her home on Oakdale Street in Waterloo.

Mrs. Sanders was a homemaker and member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo.

She was born Feb. 8, 1928, in Georgetown, Ky., to James and Anna (Foster) O'Connor.

She married Charles W. Sanders Sr. on Feb. 24, 1943, in Rossville, Ga. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles W. Sanders Jr. of Urbana, Ohio, and Timothy R. Sanders of Waterloo; four daughters, Shelia Snow of Rosewood, Ohio, Judy McDowell and Sharon Sparkman, both of Waterloo, and Lesa Sanders of Butler; one brother, James Patrick O'Connor of Rockwood, Tenn.; three sisters, Mary Ellen Hazlett and Cornelia O'Connor Williams, both of Oakridge, Tenn., and Margaret Tompkins of Ashley; one cousin, Doris Marcum of Helenwood, Tenn.; 25 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, John and Christopher; two daughters, Melinda Jane Gingery and Janice Moyer; and three grandchildren, Melissa Sue, Mandie Mae and Mark Allen Gingery Jr.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Bernadine Zelmer

AUBURN — Bernadine L. Zelmer, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at 12:55 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Zelmer was a homemaker and worked as an interior decorator for Montgomery Ward for 10 years. She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn. She was a Girl Scout leader in Auburn and was a member of a home demonstration club. She was a senior regent in 1985-86 for the Women of the Moose Lodge in Auburn.

She was born June 11, 1921, in DeKalb County to Albert C. and Buelah (Gall) Werner.

She married Herbert Zelmer on Oct. 25, 1941, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Darlene Kay Carroll and Gloria Jean Duhamell, both of Auburn; two brothers, Albert H. Werner of Auburn and Darwin L. Werner of Tervera, Fla.; two sisters, Evelyn Miller of Kendallville and Shirley L. Shipe of Auburn; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to First Step or Mooseheart.

Vica Keesler

BUTLER — Vica Keesler, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at 11 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Keesler was a homemaker. She was born April 16, 1905, in DeKalb County to George and Mary (Shoub) Camp.

She married Jacob A. Keesler on Oct. 30, 1922, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died April 19, 1979.

Surviving are three sons, Jacob D. of Elkhart, Norman G. of Milwaukee, Wis., and Glenn D. of St. Joe; two daughters, Opal Badman of Edgerton, Ohio, and Virginia Miller of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ervin, Forest and Robert Camp; two sisters, Ruby Everetts and Dortha Warner; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services were today at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Pastor Dennis Leinbach officiated. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

The Evening Star, Tues., Dec. 21, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Violet Marie Lawhead Barlow

McLEAN, Va. — Violet Marie Lawhead Barlow, 86, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, in McLean, Va.

She was born Feb. 11, 1913, to Kirby and Cecile Lawhead in Auburn.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Lee Freeman and Mary Lynn Schmidt, both of Virginia; two sons, Frank III and Harold, both of Virginia; three sisters, Thyra Durst of Auburn, Marjorie Dyer of Anderson and Loreen Butler of Tyler, Texas; a brother, Atlee Lawhead of Las Vegas, Nev.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Services were held at the Murphy Falls Church Funeral Home Dec. 15.

Marie Christlieb

ANGOLA — Marie Christlieb, 98, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Christlieb was a homemaker. She was born Jan. 12, 1901, in Noble County to Martin and Mary (Rhoadenbaugh) Wood. She married Oscar C. Christlieb. He preceded her in death Dec. 16, 1980.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Ruby Whittington of Auburn, Mary Jane and William Schiek of Waterloo, Martha Howey of Hamilton and Lulubelle Sutton of Orland; two sons, Martin Christlieb of Angola and Delbert Christlieb of Toledo, Ohio; 19 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Beulah Stayer, and a son, Oscar C. Christlieb, also preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Don Hawver officiating.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Meredith E. "Rip" VanWinkle**, 86, died Sunday. Services at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Conkle Funeral Home, Speedway Chapel, Indianapolis. Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. today in Rome City United Methodist Church and from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Conkle Funeral Home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **George G. Rector**, 76, died Sunday in his home. A private graveside service was conducted today in Muncie.

TOPEKA — **Wilma U. Hubler**, 86, died Monday. A memorial service will be held at Eden Worship Center, Ind. 5 North, at 7 p.m. Thursday. Calling is at the church one hour before services Thursday. Additional services and burial will be next week in Bradenton, Fla.

The Evening Star, Wed. Dec. 22,

Deaths/Funerals

Steven Walton

OSSIAN — Airman Basic Steven Zachary Walton, 19, of rural Ossian, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at 3:08 p.m. at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., of an apparent heart attack while playing basketball.

He was born July 14, 1980, at Aurora, Colo.

A 1999 Norwell High School graduate, he was in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft structural maintenance apprentice. He was a member of Ossian First Presbyterian Church.

Walton

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Steven R. and Lynn Walton of Tucson, Ariz.; his mother and stepfather, Terri R. and Walter Jutte of rural Ossian; a sister, Alisha R. Walton of rural Ossian; his grandparents, Rosemary and John R. Walton of Garrett, and Emily Strader of Fort Wayne; three stepsisters, Jessica Webb of South Berwick, Maine, and Tanya and Cassidi Smith, both of Tucson, Ariz.; two stepbrothers, Shad Smith of Tucson, Ariz., and Christopher Jutte of Bluffton; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Ossian First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with full military rites.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. at Elzey & Haggard Funeral Home, Ossian Chapel, and from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Ossian First Presbyterian Church or the American Heart Association.

Evening Star, Ind., Dec. 22. 1999 + cont'd)

Warren Gearhart

EDON, Ohio — Warren H. "Hinney" Gearhart, 76, of Edon, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at 8:15 p.m. in his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Gearhart was a longtime Edon Village employee, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born July 5, 1923, in Edon, to Irvin and Esther (Heger) Gearhart.

He married Leota Aldrich on Aug. 26, 1947, and she preceded him in death in August 1986.

He married Esther Chriswell on May 5, 1987, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Donnie and Jean Chriswell of Hamilton, John and Susan Gearhart of Montpelier, Ohio, Jack and Helen Chriswell of Waterloo, and Randy and Julie Gearhart of Edon; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Bernice and Robert Gick of Hamilton, Linda and Max McPherson of Spring Lake, Mich., and Vickie Chriswell of Angola; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Jeri Gearhart of Montpelier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marilyn and Bud Lero of Bryan, Ohio, and Judy and Jim Husted of Rockhill, N.C.; 24 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Allen Dean, Ellsworth, Joseph Gearhart and Woodrow Davis, and one sister, Marge McGee.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, with the Rev. Daniel G. Beaudoin officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling is today from 1-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Hospice Care of Williams and Fulton Counties, or to the American Cancer Society.

Beverly Fox

ANGOLA — Beverly A. Fox, 68, of Angola, formerly of Pennsylvania, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999, at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Steuben County Women's Club and the Bridge Club. She also was a bowler and a member of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 12, 1930, in Jamestown, N.Y., to Glen and Margaret (Thomas) Saxton.

She married Alton Fox of Angola on May 27, 1950. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Patty Fox of Tijeras, N.M., and Ricky and Tau Fox of Reading, Pa.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rene and Bernard Manker of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Robi and Randy Hyman of Muncie; two sisters, Barbara Nicoloff of East Aurora, N.Y., and Nancy MacLean of San Miguel, Mexico; and 14 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Peace Lutheran Church, 355 E. State Road 120, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Barry Dohner

LAOTTO — Barry L. Dohner, 52, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at his home in LaOtto.

Mr. Dohner worked as a quality control engineer at Busak and Shamban Inc. Engineers in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the American Society for Quality, AARP, the U.S. Golf Association and the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam.

He was an avid golfer and loved auto racing and anything to do with history.

He was born July 9, 1947, in Hicksville, Ohio. To Dick Dohner and Janet Stevenson.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis M. Dohner; a son, Tyler L. Dohner of LaOtto; two daughters, Shelley R. Riggs of Columbus, Ind., and Kelley D. Kitchen of Grabill; a stepdaughter, Michelle M. Butt of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Aaron L. Wells of Huntertown; a brother, Eric R. Dohner, Waterloo; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory, and his parents.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Friends of Library in Noble County.

Eugene W. Becker Jr.

INDIANAPOLIS — Eugene W. Becker Jr., 73, of Indianapolis, died at 5:34 a.m. this morning, Dec. 22, 1999, at Community East Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Becker was a former Auburn resident. He was a citrus auctioneer who retired from Detroit Fruit Auction Co. on April 4, 1990, after 42 years of service.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a member of and financial secretary for the Auburn Kiwanis Club. He also was a member of American Legion Post 217, Wyandotte, Mich., the U.S. Power Squadron in both Wyandotte and Fort Wayne, the Detroit Navigators Club, the Richardson Boat Owners Association and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

He was born April 3, 1926, in Detroit to Eugene W. Becker Sr. and Rosalind (Gross) Becker.

On Dec. 12, 1946, in Garden City, Mich., he married Patricia McMacken, who preceded him in death June 5, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Steven E. Becker of Indianapolis; two daughters, Susan M. Koppell of Reading, Mich., and Sharyn L. Merchant of Arlington, Texas; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a half-brother, M. Robert Johnston.

Services will be held Friday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Leonard Shaffer, member and representative of the American Legion post in Auburn, presiding.

A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday in Mount Hope Cemetery, Litchfield, Mich.

Calling is from 10 a.m.-noon Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Evening Star, Wed., Dec. 23, 1999 + cont'd)

Edna Boyer

FORT WAYNE — Edna E. Boyer, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, in her home.

The Maples native was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl Hormann, in 1967, and by her second husband, Luther Boyer, in 1987.

She worked for Royal Lace until her retirement in 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Suzette Koehlinger of Fort Wayne and Rebecca Haifley of Wolcottville; six sisters, Clara Bell Hemsoth and Audine Love, both of New Haven, Hilda Anderson of Monroeville, Marie Boren and Delores Swanson, both of Fort Wayne, and Hazel Doctor of rural Fort Wayne; two brothers, Alvin Roemer of Angola and Russell Roemer of New Haven; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Trinity Suburban Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Road, with calling there an hour before services. Calling also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 East, New Haven.

Burial will be in Trinity Suburban Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials to the church or Concordia High School.

Area Deaths

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — **Charles A. Schindler**, 80, died Saturday. Services were held Tuesday in White Pigeon.

YODER — **Lynn A. Thompson**, 41, died Monday. Memorial services at 7 p.m. Thursday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

AVILLA — **Mary E. Van Drew**, 78, died Monday. Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Prayers at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Dec. 23, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Lawanda Hartsock

SIDNEY, Ohio — Lawanda "Billie" Hartsock, 84, of Sidney, Ohio, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, at the Dorothy Love Retirement Center in Sidney.

Mrs. Hartsock had been employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base from 1942 to 1958.

She was born Sept. 27, 1915, in Garrett to Paul and Alvena (Einkopf) Diederich.

On March 15, 1945, she married Harold Hartsock. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1969.

She is survived by two stepsons and their wives, Neil and Margaret Hartsock, and Jack and Lanette Hartsock, all of Xenia, Ohio; two cousins and their spouses, Holly and Leonard Woods, of Fort Wayne, and Mary and Max Sprunger of New Haven; and many other relatives and dear friends.

Also preceding her in death was her stepson, Donald Hartsock, in 1983.

Mrs. Hartsock preferred that her remains be donated to Wright State University. A memorial service will be held at a later date. McColaugh Funeral Home, 826 N. Detroit St., Xenia, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Wendy Elizabeth Morgan**, 50, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

MILFORD — **Marion C. Deeter**, 98, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Wawasee Heights Baptist Church, with calling there two hours before services Tuesday.

The Evening Star, Fri., Dec. 24, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

John Scranage

ASHLEY — John M. Scranage, 88, died today, Dec. 24, 1999, at 7:25 a.m. in his home on County Road 27, Ashley.

He was a lifetime Smithfield Township farmer and was a school bus driver for the DeKalb Central United School District for several years. He was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, a life member of the Scotch Shorthorn Cattle Association, and a longtime member of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Scranage was born Dec. 20, 1911, in Goshen to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scranage.

He married Agnes Smoker on April 29, 1934, in Goshen, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Daniel of Boca Raton, Fla., Alan of Ashley, and Bruce of Auburn; one sister, Mary Louise Umbaugh of Syracuse; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

One son, Michael, and two sisters, Helen Botts and Katherine Pippinger, preceded him in death.

Privates services will be held Monday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Doug Barber officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Kevin Krider

GARRETT — Kevin Krider, 37, of Garrett, died Thursday evening in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, as a result of injuries from a hit-and-run car-pedestrian accident on Tuesday in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Ethel Conner-Perl

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Ethel Conner-Perl, 88, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, at St. Francis Medical Center in Honolulu.

She was a sign maker with Montgomery Ward for 16 years, retiring in 1976. She was born in Wabash County and was a member of the Woodview Church of God.

She is survived by three daughters, Garnett Savage of Auburn and Phyllis Swihart and Patricia Connelly, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Darl Conner of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Conner, in 1958; her second husband, Ollie Perl, in 1981; and four sons, Earl, Gail, Everett and Paul Conner.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway, Fort Wayne, with calling at the church after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling also is Sunday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Cancer Services of Allen County.

The Evening Star, Mon., Dec. 27, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

Virginia Meyer

CORUNNA — Virginia Meyer, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at 4:17 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Meyer

Mrs. Meyer formerly worked at Messenger Corp. in Auburn and farmed with her husband in Fairfield Township for many years. She was baptized in and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church-West Fairfield, where she was active in the ladies aid and other organizations. She was a member of the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn and was very active in helping her neighbors in need.

She was born March 30, 1914, in Peru, Ind., to J.E. and Gladys May (Achemire) Deetz.

She married Karl Meyer on March 26, 1949, in Zion Lutheran Church-West Fairfield. He died Feb. 13, 1986.

Surviving her are three daughters, Barbara Sue Kohler of Berne, Julia Clark of Hamilton, and Nancy Kugler of Big Turkey Lake, Hudson; nine grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, seven stepgreat-grandchildren, and one stepgreat-great-grandson.

Three brothers, John, Bob and William Deetz, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Zion Lutheran Church-West Fairfield, with calling after 12:30 p.m. The Rev. Al Wingfield will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling also is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Evening Star, Mon., Dec 27, 1999 (cont'd)

Kevin Krider

GARRETT — Kevin Scott "Vern" Krider, 37, died Thursday at 11:25 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries he suffered in a hit-and-run accident in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Krider was a machinist and lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett. He was a member of the Escort Motorcycle Club and had served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born Aug. 27, 1962, in Fort Wayne and was raised in Iowa.

He married Mary Jo Guertin on Jan. 13, 1996, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are his father, Stanley Krider, and stepmother, Gardis Krider, both of LaMars, Iowa; his mother, Carol (Hardwick) Beasley of Scottsdale, Ariz; two stepsons, Joseph Golojch and James Golojch, both of Garrett; one stepdaughter, Mary Golojch of Garrett; one stepgranddaughter, Maranda Rochele Yarian; two sisters, Denise Guess of Redbank, Tenn., and Reneé Johnson of Acworth, Ga.; his paternal grandparents, Joe and Grace Krider of Churubusco; his maternal grandmother, Jessie Hardwick of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 6 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 4 p.m. Earl Terry will officiate.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Fretz

HUDSON — Helen L. Fretz, 83, of Hudson, died at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, in The Laurels of DeKalb-Butler.

She was born in Auburn Nov. 4, 1916, to Lawrence and Anna (Habig) Chorpenning. She married Byron Fretz, who preceded her in death March 15, 1985.

Mrs. Fretz was a 1934 graduate of Auburn High School and had resided in Hudson most of her life. She was a homemaker and was a teller at Farmers State Bank in Stroh, retiring in 1976. She was a member of Hudson United Methodist Church and Harmony Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star 97, in Garrett.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Rodney Stoy of Hamilton; four sons and daughters-in-law, Russell and Lois Fretz and Victor and Lori Fretz, all of Ashley, John and Shari Fretz of Fort Wayne, and Larry and Mary Ellen Fretz of West Point, Miss.; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence "Bud" Chorpenning, in 1985.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Dean Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home where OES memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. today.

Ben Hatton

LAOTTO — Ben Hatton, 75, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999, at 9:13 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hatton was a machine operator for Conrail for 42 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Lee City Church of God in Lee City, Ky.

He was born Aug. 11, 1924, in Vancleve, Ky., to Ben and Jane (McPherson) Hatton.

He married Nora Harmon on May 10, 1947, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving him are five sons, Benny, Jim, Lloyd, Dean and John, all of Garrett; four daughters, Wanda Swonger and Carie Lanning, both of Garrett, Kathy Rusher of Fort Wayne, and Debra Leeman of Kendallville; three brothers, Carl and Orpheus, both of LaOtto, and George of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Dorothy Bickel of Kentucky, Opal Landsaw and Betty Stoffer, both of Fort Wayne, Miranda Hatton of Blue Lake, Opsy Terry of Hunter Lake, and Viola Murray of Garrett; 17 grandchildren and nine grandchildren.

Two sons, Robert and Don, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Forrest Van Gundy of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Carolyn Abernathy

TOLLESON, Ariz. — Carolyn B. Combs Fenters Abernathy, 46, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, after a long illness.

She was born March 6, 1953, in Garrett and formerly lived in DeKalb County.

Surviving her are her husband, Allen Abernathy of Tolleson; two sons, Robert Combs Pope of Spring Lake, N.C., and Tracy Lynn Fenters; two daughters, Ang'elic Sue and Laura Lee Fenters; one granddaughter, Sarah E. Pope of Smithfield, N.C.; her mother, Phyllis L. Grim-Davis of Hamilton; four brothers, Darwin W. Combs and Marion L. Waters, both of Garrett, Claude L. Combs of Butler, and John A. Combs of Hamilton; two sisters, Lana Combs Pope of Benson, N.C., and Anna Melesher of Angola.

One sister, Phyllis A. Waters, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

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Area Deaths

ALBION — **Lawrence "Larry" Johnson**, 75, died Thursday. Memorial services at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Bob A. King**, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

HOWE — **Donald R. Isbrandt**, 64, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **William E. Huff**, 72, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Isaac E. Hochstetler** 83, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Eldred Eileen Hall**, 80, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Edgar A. Hursey**, 82, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **William E. Kennedy Jr.**, 80, died Friday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Luke Catholic Church, Indianapolis.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Blanche A. Waugh**, 86, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

HUNTERTOWN — **Vivian "Red" Lane**, 76, died Saturday. Memorial services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 30 minutes before services.

The Evening Star, Tues., Dec. 28, 1999

Deaths/Funerals

William H. Heilman

AUBURN — William H. "Bill" Heilman, 40, died at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Heilman was a former employee of Albion Wire in Kendallville.

He was born Dec. 5, 1959, in Kendallville, to Harold William Heilman and Dorothy May (Snyder) Heilman.

He married Beth Ann Shanyfelt on July 19, 1986. She died April 27, 1999.

Surviving are one son, Justin, at home; his father- and mother-in-law, Henry E. and Anna Rose Shanyfelt of Auburn; three aunts, Rosa Russell of Kendallville, Jenny Serbence of Morristown, Tenn., and Pauline Smith of Auburn; and one uncle, Raymond Heilman of Auburn.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Henry Shanyfelt, 3935 County Road 34, Auburn.

Dorothy Squier

HUDSON — Dorothy Squier, 82, of Hudson, died at 8 a.m. today, Dec. 28, 1999, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Katherine Kenworthy

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Katherine Ruth Kenworthy, 71, of Clearwater, Fla., died early on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at her son's home in Tampa, Fla.

A longtime resident of Decatur, she moved to Florida in 1984. She was a 1945 graduate of Decatur High School and a homemaker.

She was born March 7, 1928, in Arcola to Emil and Louise (Savieo) Keifer. On July 31, 1948, she married Robert V. Kenworthy. He preceded her in death May 27, 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda K. Simpson of Longwood, Fla.; a son, Bruce A. Kenworthy of Tampa; a sister, Dorothy M. Stalter of Garrett; and two granddaughters, Stephani L. Greene of Wilmington, N.C., and Sara E. Simpson of Gainesville, Fla.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Emil "Bud" Keifer Jr.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Decatur Cemetery with the Rev. John Fuchs presiding.

Calling is Wednesday from 11 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to Hospice of Hillsborough County.

Evening Star, Tues., Dec. 28, 1999 (cont'd)

Mark Hankes

FREMONT — Mark W. Hankes, 41, of Fremont, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hankes was the assistant water superintendent for the town of Fremont, where he worked for 15 years. He was a 1976 graduate of Fremont High School.

He was born Jan. 28, 1958, in Angola to Warren J. and Janet (Foster) Hankes. His parents survive.

Also surviving are his wife, Carol (Sattison) Hankes of Fremont, whom he married Nov. 23, 1983; and his grandfather, Wade Foster of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Steven Hankes, in 1983; his grandmother, Mildred Foster, in 1996; and his grandparents, Bernard and Gladys (Swift) Hankes.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse of the Fremont United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be in the funeral home tonight from 6-8.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Betty L. Weber**, 79, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Eva P. Harn**, 90, died Monday. Private services. Burial in Beaver, Pa., at a later date.

ROME CITY — **Vera L. Butler**, 81, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-7 p.m. Wednesday.

TOPEKA — **John Miller Jr.**, 72, died Monday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the family residence, 4160W — 400S, Topeka with calling there after noon today and all day Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jeannie Kurtz Barber**, 63, died Sunday. Services Wednesday in Anderson.

COLUMBIA CITY — **David B. Smith**, 87, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-9 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mary Kearns

GARRETT — Mary "Leadesia" Kearns, 36, of Garrett, died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at 7:59 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Kearns was a resident of Garrett for five years.

She was born April 28, 1963, in South Carolina to Durand and Mary Jo (Hornsby) Sommers. Her mother survives in Bristol, Va.

She married Ronald L. Kearns on March 1, 1995, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Billy Calvert, of Garrett; two daughters, Casey Nickels of Bristol, Va., and Jennifer Hinson of South Carolina; two brothers, Randy Sommers of Conway, S.C., and Lee Sommers of North Carolina; and a sister, Mary Elizabeth Nickels of Bristol, Va.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Dorothy Squier

HUDSON — Dorothy Squier, 82, of rural Hudson, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at 8 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Squier was a homemaker and a member of the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church.

She was born in Bourbon on Aug. 24, 1917, to Charles and Ida Mae (King) Faulkner.

She married Howard Squier in Albion on July 31, 1933. He died on April 16, 1982.

Surviving are five sons, Richard of Waterloo, Raymond of Federal Dam, Minn., Howard I. of Dunnellon, Fla., and Wayne and John, both of Hudson; four daughters, Carolyn Spencer of Hudson, Bev Wattier of Auburn, Judy Rudolph of Hamilton and Karen Tommel of Huson, Mont.; two sisters, Ula Wiles of Teegarden and Loretta Maxson of Kendallville; 28 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

Seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, four brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church, with the Rev. Jason Hollopeter officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, and one hour before the service Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Evening Star, Wed., Dec. 29, 1999 (cont'd)

Deborah Schonter

ANGOLA — Deborah Ann (Burton) Schonter, 37, died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She had been a manager for Burger King in Angola and Kroger, Foodtown and Speedway in Toledo, Ohio. She had been active in school and was proud of her many athletic trophies.

She was born Jan. 14, 1962, in Toledo. She is survived by her parents, Carol Evans of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Watson of Indiana.

On Dec. 18, 1996, she married Melvin Schonter in Angola, and her husband survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Misty, Austin Marie, Brittany Fay and Brandi June; a son, Joshua David Burton; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Eugene and Cindy Watson of Swanton, Ohio, Robert and Deborah Watson of Seminole, Fla., and David and Shelia Watson of Wheatland, Calif.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Bedford Funeral Chapel, 8300 Lewis Ave., Temperance, Mich., with the Rev. Joe Everly of Sonlight Community Church in Angola officiating. Burial will be in Toledo Memorial Park.

Calling is from 6-9 tonight and 9-10 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Dorothy Warstler

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Dorothy F. Warstler, 85, a former Auburn resident, died at 7:25 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at Chandler Health Care.

Mrs. Warstler was a homemaker and a member of Dayspring Community Church, formerly the Auburn Missionary Church.

She was born Feb. 6, 1914, in DeKalb County to Jay and Berdie (Carper) Fetters.

On July 16, 1932, in DeKalb County, she married Kenneth L. Warstler. He died Aug. 28, 1985.

She is survived by a son, Michael A. Warstler of Chandler; four grandchildren, Susan, Ron and Dan Warstler, and Alan Bruhn; and two great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy J. Bruhn, and a brother, Paul Fetters.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. J. Harlan Wright presiding. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Dayspring Community Church.

James Clark

HARTFORD CITY — James L. Clark, 79, of Hartford City died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at 2:30 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clark was a lifetime resident of Blackford County and farmed northwest of Hartford City in Washington Township for many years. He retired in 1983 from the Overhead Door Corp. in Hartford City after 35 years of employment.

He was very active in the Blackford County 4-H, and was a former leader of the county's 4-H Horse and Pony Club. He was a member of and a deacon, trustee and Sunday school teacher at the Independence Church of Christ. He was a member of the Carpenters & Joiners Union 2047 and the Millard-Brown American Legion Post 156 in Montpelier. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-45 in the European Theater Campaign — Normandy, northern France, the Rhineland, central Europe and the Ardennes. He was a 1940 graduate of Montpelier High School.

He was born Nov. 4, 1920, in Montpelier, Ind., to Herbert Everett and Essie Lucerne (Williams) Clark. On Feb. 12, 1947, in Hartford City, he married Wilma I. Coons, who died April 18, 1986.

He is survived by three daughters and one son-in-law, Nancy Hedden of Auburn, Linda D. and Richard Crabtree of Montpelier and Gloria S. Clark of Pennville; a son and daughter-in-law, Everett Lee and Ann Clark of Hartford City; a sister, Glendora Booher of Warren; two grandsons, Bobby Hedden and Chad Clark; and two granddaughters, Lindsey Clark and Stephanie Parrott.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, George S. Clark, and a sister, Margaret "Peg" Denton.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, with the Rev. Jerry Pugh presiding. Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Independence Church of Christ, 500 N. 300-W., Hartford City, IN 47348.

Area Deaths

MILLERSBURG — **Mary M. Hochstetler**, 98, died Tuesday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Ervin Bontrager residence, 9775W — 400S, Millersburg, with calling all day today in her residence at 9585W — 400S, Millersburg.

WABASH — **Ira Moore**, 79, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Grandstaff-Hentgen, Manchester Avenue Chapel, Wabash, with calling there from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Marie Neuhouser

FORT WAYNE — Marie (Lickey) Neuhouser, 90, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Neuhouser worked for many years at the Leo Variety Store in Leo.

She was born April 28, 1909, in Columbia City to William C. and Minnie Brueggeman Lickey.

Marie Neuhouser

Her husband, Simon Neuhouser, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother, Harold Lickey of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Richard Lickey of Fort Wayne; and a niece, Barbara Frambes of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Lickey; and a sister, Esther Hancock.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery

Calling is Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Leo Mennonite Church.

Joanne Clem

FORT WAYNE — Joanne Clem, 63, died Tuesday at her home in Fort Wayne.

She had been a saleswoman at Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She previously had worked as the personnel director at Fort Wayne Newspapers and in advertising sales for The News-Sun and The Evening Star. She was born in Urbana, Ill.

Surviving are her husband, John A. "Jack" Brewer; three daughters, Susan Laubhan of Arcadia, Fla., Lauren Briggs of Phoenix and Cynthia Freeze of Liberty, Mo.; a son, Michael Worthley of Sarasota, Fla.; three stepdaughters, Michele Abbott of Carmel, Marlene Brewer of Indianapolis and Madeline Davis of Valparaiso; three stepsons, Marcus Brewer of Churubusco, John A. Brewer Jr. of Rochester, N.Y., and Michael Brewer of Pickerington, Ohio; four grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Grace Brethren Church, 4619 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, with a reception after services at the church. Memorials to the church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Leota Ritter

ANGOLA — Leota Ritter, 74, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, at 7:42 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ritter retired from the shipping department at Goshen Rubber in 1985. She lived most of her life in Goshen before moving to Angola in October 1998.

She was born Oct. 22, 1925, in Goshen to Gerald F. and Oma L. (Bates) Rohn.

She married Jack T. Ritter on Aug. 15, 1943, in Angola. He died May 19, 1989.

Surviving her are three sons, Mike of Fremont, John of Indianapolis and Douglas of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; one sister, Barbara Widner of Goshen; one brother, Melvin Rohn of Goshen; and nine grandchildren.

One sister, Helen Overholt, and one brother, Howard Rohn, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen. The Rev. John Fields of the First Baptist Church in Bronson, Mich., will officiate. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is Monday from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. in the funeral home.

William Heileman

AUBURN — William H. "Bill" Heileman, 40, died at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Heileman was a former employee of Albion Wire in Kendallville.

He was born Dec. 5, 1959, in Kendallville, to Harold William Heileman and Dorothy May (Snyder) Heileman.

He married Beth Ann Shanyfelt on July 19, 1986. She died April 27, 1999.

Surviving are one son, Justin, at home; his father- and mother-in-law, Henry E. and Anna Rose Shanyfelt of Auburn; three aunts, Rosa Russell of Kendallville, Jenny Serbence of Morristown, Tenn., and Pauline Smith of Auburn; and one uncle, Raymond Heileman of Auburn.

Services were held today at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family in care of Henry Shanyfelt, 3935 County Road 34, Auburn.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Vern W. Schweitzer**, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 3-7 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Matthew Lange

WATERLOO — The Rev. Matthew J. Lange, 87, died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at his Waterloo home.

Lange

The Rev. Lange was ordained ne 11, 1938. He served as asso- ·te at St. John the Baptist tholic Church in Fort Wayne from 1938 to 1942, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Crown Point from 1942 to 1945, and at St. Patrick Catholic Church in East Chicago, Ind., from 1945 to 1954.

He served as pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn from 1954 to 1963 and from 1967 to 1970, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Wayne from 1963 to 1967, and at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo from 1970 to 1982. He retired in July 1982.

He was born Sept. 21, 1912, in Chicago to Joseph and Catherine (Gaffke) Lange.

Surviving are two brothers, Edward Lange of Des Plaines, Ill., and Mark Lange of Palatine, Ill.; three sisters, Dorothy Lange and Dolores Kocinski, both of Chicago, and Rosemary Meuret of Elk Grove Village, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepmother, Rose (Schroeder) Lange; and two brothers, Gregory and Jerome.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to masses at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Ryan Dexter

FORT WAYNE — Ryan Gregory Dexter, 23, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999.

He was formerly a resident of Waterloo and West Lafayette.

Mr. Dexter was a 1995 graduate of Snider High School, where he was honorary basketball manager for three years and a recipient of the Nelson Award for "Most Likely to be Remembered."

Surviving are his parents, Bob and Cheryl Dexter of Fort Wayne; a sister, Tonya Dexter of Fort Wayne; a brother, Brent of Chicago; his grandparents, Warren W. Dexter and Clell G. Boerger, both of Fort Wayne; and his great-grandmother, Marie Niblick of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m.i n Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Putnam St., Fort Wayne, with calling following the services.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Ryan Dexter Memorial Fund at Snider High School.

Eugene Hoff

GREENFIELD, Ind. — Eugene N. Hoff, 88, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at Brandywine Manor in Greenfield.

Mr. Hoff was a tool-and-die maker for Ford Motor Co. in Indianapolis from 1936 to 1975, when he retired. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Michael's Church in Greenfield .

He was past chaplain of the Hancock American Legion Post 119 and was a past commander of the Greenfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. He was a member of the Greenfield Eagles Lodge and was a former volunteer at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born July 2, 1911, in Waterloo to Christian and Louise (Adler) Hoff. They preceded him in death.

He married Rosemary Danner on June 25, 1949, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Wayne Hoff of Smith, Ky., Thomas Hoff of Indianapolis, William Hoff of Greenfield and Ralph Hoff of Maxwell; one daughter, Barbara Steedman of Evansville; one brother, Rudy Hoff of Hudson; one sister, Frances Farrell of California; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Hoff; three sisters, Rosella Bowman, Amelia Schoenle, Irene Passman; and one brother, Albert Hoff.

Services will be held Sunday at noon at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Church Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Pasco Memorial Mortuary, Greenfield, and Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Volunteer Services of the Indianapolis VA Hospital.

Mary Bowsher

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mary E. Bowsher, 78, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at 10:50 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a brief illness.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Nov. 13, 1921, in Lima, Ohio, to Merrill and Mabel (Fenner) Colgan.

She married Howard W. Bowsher on April 12, 1942, in Spencerville, Ohio. He died May 20, 1987.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Jane Bowsher, Wayne and Susan Bowsher, and James and Paula Bowsher, all of Edgerton, Ohio, and Paul and Lisa Bowsher of Hamilton, Ind.; one daughter, Janice Stephenson of Hicksville, Ohio; two brothers, Frank Colgan of Waynesfield, Ohio and Carl Colgan of Garrett; one sister, Claire Provant of Findlay, Ohio; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two stepgreat-granddaughters.

Six brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with the Rev. Robert Knapp officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Carlton Kepler

EDGERTON, Ohio — Carlton V. "Carty" Kepler, 81, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, at 11:10 a.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler after an extended illness.

Mr. Kepler was a rural postal carrier on Route 2, Edgerton, Ohio, for 35 years. He was a member of the Edgerton Church of Christ, where he formerly held the position of deacon. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of John D. Smith American Legion Post 10 in Edgerton, where he was past commander.

He was born Nov. 15, 1918, in Hamilton, Ind., to Vier Jeremiah and Neva (North) Kepler. They preceded him in death.

He married Blanche McClellan on June 7, 1941, in Butler. She died Oct. 2, 1999.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Suzanne Kepler of Hudson, Ohio; two grandchildren, Wendy Kepler of Charlotte, N.C., and Michael Kepler of Hudson, Ohio; and one sister, Mary Johnson of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by two infants, Richard and Janet Kepler; two brothers, Olan and Carolus Kepler; and one sister, Harriet Beecher.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Edgerton Church of Christ, with Pastor Frederick Lab officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, with graveside military rites by John D. Smith American Legion Post 10.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the church.

Fanny Schlatter

BUTLER — Fanny Schlatter, 88, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, at 8:30 a.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

She was a homemaker and member of the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn.

She was born April 12, 1911, in Newfield, Mich., to Enoch and Lida (Brace) Schlatter.

Surviving are two sisters, Emma Gilda of Talent, Ore., and Grace DeArbetta of Forest, Ohio; three brothers, Benjamin Schlatter of Auburn, Kenneth Schlatter of Forest, Ohio, and James Schlatter of Turlock, Calif.

Private graveside services were held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Schlatter Cemetery, Leo, with the Rev. Bob Herman officiating.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Madison Leigh Cooper**, 19 months old, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling at the funeral home from 1-3 and 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

LAGRANGE — **M. Lucille Lewis**, 92, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

KIMMELL — **Gladys M. Stump**, 91, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Saturday.

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